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Fox Shoots Shooting

The problem of anti-gay violence in San Francisco is about to receive national attention, thanks to the Fox television show *America's Most Wanted*. On Friday, February 24, AMW filmed a reenactment of one of the city's more notorious unsolved hate crimes: the attempted murder of Victor Rohana last October 28. The program will be nationally broadcast later this season in an attempt to locate the two strangers who shouted anti-gay slurs from their car and then shot the 24-year-old model.

For more about the current disposition of Rohana's case, and others, see pages 16 and 17.



Photo: Phil Migliarese Jr.

The cast and crew of *America's Most Wanted* re-enact the Oct. 28 shooting of Victor Rohana on Waller Street last week.

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Take Off Your Clothes for a Good Cause! Sister Spirit Protests Violence

by Pete Hodgdon

The women of Camp Sister Spirit are asking queers around the world to send them T-shirts to commemorate those who have suffered anti-gay violence.

The shirts, each with the name
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House Panel: Cut All HOPWA Funds

GOP Wants Ryan White Slashed by \$13M This Fiscal Year

by Bob Roehr

House Appropriations subcommittees have begun to rescind, or take back, federal money appropriated for the fiscal year that began last October. Part of the Republican "Contract With America," the move aims to cut \$15 billion in federal spending. AIDS programs are among those taking hits.

In a session beginning Wednesday, February 22 that lasted well after midnight, the subcommittee on Labor/Health and Human Services/Education voted to reduce spending on Ryan White CARE Act services by \$13

million, approximately two percent of the \$633 million appropriated for this year. AIDS prevention/ education funding to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) lost \$23 million, half of the increase in funding over last year.

The Veterans Affairs/Housing and Urban Development subcommittee zeroed out the entire \$186 million earmarked for the Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA) program on the following day. President Clinton, in December, tried to eliminate funding for HOPWA in his budget for next year, but a wave of protest by AIDS activists caused him to reverse that decision.

Most of the votes were along party lines, with Republicans united in cutting spending. The one

exception came on amendments by Democrat Nancy Pelosi of San Francisco, to restore the Ryan White and CDC money. C.W. "Bill" Young and Dan Miller, both Florida Republicans, crossed over to support the effort. It failed in a 7-7 tie.

AIDS lobbyists are pushing to reverse that when the full Appropriations Committee meets Thursday, March 2. "All we need is six Republicans in the full committee," said Gary Rose, legislative director with the National Association of People With AIDS. He thinks they have a shot at getting them.

"A very cynical game is being played," said Alexander Robinson, lobbyist on AIDS issues for the American Civil Liberties Union. He believes the House

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Local Reaction to HOPWA, Ryan White Cuts

The end of HOPWA?

Blindsided by Riggs

Seattle Mike Refuses D.A.'s Deal

A Dozen Victims May Testify to Robbery, Violence

by Kent Brandley

A suspected thief known as "Seattle Mike," now facing a sentence of roughly 20 years in prison for allegedly robbing San Francisco gay men, has refused to plead guilty on a negotiated settlement for less than the maximum sentence.

Defendant Michael Raab, also known as Michael J. Johnson, rejected the offer by the district attorney's office in an appearance in

municipal court here Friday, February 24, before Judge Jerry Benson.

Eleven different victims are currently alleged in the complaint against Raab, with a twelfth under consideration. Most have been identified as older gay men who say Raab met them in Polk and Castro area bars and adult bookstores and subsequently robbed them.

George Beckwith, an assistant district attorney assigned to prosecute the case, said a pre-hearing conference to "set the case" is now scheduled for Friday, March 17. That conference might lead to a lengthy preliminary hearing.

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Michael Raab

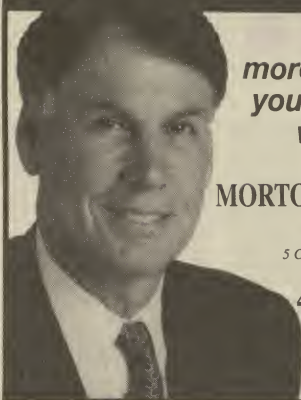
Arson Attempt at S.F. Abortion Clinic

by Mary Ann Swissler

A gasoline-soaked tire was the likely flash point for a 6 a.m. arson attempt Tuesday, February 28, at the Pregnancy Consultation Center in San Francisco. It is the seventh attack on California abortion clinics in February, and the third in which a gasoline-soaked tire was used.

Fortunately, enough smoke was created by
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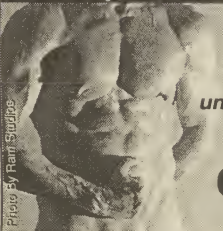
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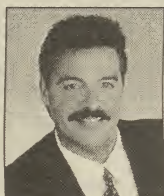
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Widow's Weeds

The Widow Norton (aka Empress I Jose Sarria) speaks Feb. 26 to an assembled throng at the Colma grave site of her dearly departed, Emperor Joshua Norton. This annual event marked the Imperial Court System's (founded by Jose) 30th anniversary.

Gidley Honored By Golden Gate U.

by Kent Brandley

A gay man who has spent thousands of hours as a volunteer with AIDS patients at a city hospice has been honored with the 1994 Distinguished Service Award by the Golden Gate University's Alumni Association.

Allan Gidley, a longtime GGU employee, was honored at an awards luncheon last Wednesday, February 22, at the Sheraton Palace Hotel.

Gidley was recognized for service to the university and for his compassionate work with people with AIDS.

Gidley has been an AIDS hospice volunteer at the Garden Campus of California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco for more than five years. He originally became involved in working with AIDS patients when one of his own employees contracted HIV and became ill. Three years ago, he won KRON-TV's "People Who Care Award."

Gidley has also served as the university's AIDS liaison to educate employees and other managers about the disease, and has become its ex-officio AIDS information as a result. He said he is proud to be a part of a university with a supportive, enlightened, and progressive attitude toward his

role in the AIDS war, and toward gay and lesbian people in general.

Gidley is director of auxiliary services at the university and has headed its retail operations, including Golden Gate University Bookstore, for more than 25 years.

The Distinguished Service Award is the highest honor given a university employee by the alumni. It is given annually in recognition of exemplary leadership and outstanding service to the university, its students, and the community.

"What added meaning to me for the award was not just my work at the university, but with my work with AIDS patients. From the very beginning the university has supported me in that," Gidley told the B.A.R.

Gidley is the 19th person to receive the award. ▼



Allan Gidley

AIDS Wish Assn. Presents Phantom

by Kent Brandley

Approximately four months after fundraising began for the AIDS Wish Association, the Santa Clara County-based group is about to do what it was designed to do. According to Mark Dalton, founder and president of the association, the first person to have one big request granted by AWA is a man living with AIDS in San Jose.

On Wednesday, March 1, he will get his wish to see *The Phantom of the Opera* at the Curran Theatre in the city — and more.

"We have not only arranged for him to see the show, but have also arranged for him to have dinner at Pasquale's Ristorante in San Jose," Dalton told the *Bay Area Reporter*, "as well as providing round-trip limousine ser-

vice between San Jose and San Francisco."

Dalton estimated the tab for the evening will be about \$350, all of which was raised by volunteers. ▼

■ If you want to know more about the AIDS Wish Association, contact Mark Dalton at (408) 934-1063.

Deaf GL Center Moves to MCC

by Kent Brandley

The Deaf Gay and Lesbian Center (DGLC) has relocated to a new space inside the Metropolitan Community Church Building in the Castro. The new address is 150 Eureka Street, Suite 108.

DGLC staff told the B.A.R. that several events are scheduled for March:

- Friday, March 3, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.: New Signer's Social;
- Saturday March 4, 3:30 p.m.: The Deaf Lesbian Youth Support/Social Group meets;
- Saturday, March 11, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Lesbian Social (will go to bar afterwards);

• Saturday, March 25, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.: Deaf/hard of hearing Bisexual Support Group meets for the first time;

• Saturday, March 25, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.: DGLC's Three Year Anniversary and Open House Party.

Walk-in hours at the center are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Other times are by appointment only. ▼

■ For more details call the Info hotline at (415) 255-944; or TTY (415) 255-0700. Fax: (415) 255-9797 e-mail: DGLC@aol.com

Cal National Guard Lieutenant Fights "Don't Ask" in Courts

by Dennis Conkin

Andrew Holmes, a former California and U.S. Army National Guard officer, has filed the first lawsuit that challenges "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" military regulations on both state and federal constitutional grounds.

The suit was filed Tuesday, February 28 by attorneys Paul Wotman of the Law Offices of Paul Wotman, and L. Jay Kuo of Howard, Rice, Nemerovski, Canady, Falk and Rabin.

Holmes, who was a Lieutenant, announced his homosexuality to his California National Guard commander on June 4, 1993, and was told less than two weeks later the military was moving to withdraw his federal recognition as an officer.

Three months after the Department of Defense's new regulation about homosexuality went into effect last February, discharge proceedings against Holmes were underway.

Holmes was discharged from the U.S. Army National Guard last October; he was discharged from the California Army National Guard on January 3.

According to Wotman, Holmes's suit is the first to challenge a dismissal from the military under the provisions of Assembly Bill 2601, which amended the state labor code to specifically prohibit sexual orientation in employment.

"Governor Wilson is named as a defendant because he is the commander-in-chief of the California Army National Guard, and ultimately is responsible for enforcing California law. He signed AB 2601 into law and is sworn to uphold it," Wotman said.

According to Kuo, Holmes's discharge based on his sexual orientation violates his right to privacy and his right to equal protection under the California constitution.

Holmes's right to privacy is violated because the California Army National Guard discharged him for presuming that he will engage in gay sexual conduct because he announced his homosexuality, the suit charges.

The Guard cannot discharge Holmes for behavior which is not illegal in California, Wotman said, observing that private consensual sexual conduct was decriminalized in California in 1974. Wotman also said the California National

Guard violated Holmes's civil right to equal protection, because while all gay sexual conduct is prohibited not all heterosexual conduct is likewise banned.



Andrew Holmes

The regulations also violate Holmes's free speech rights under the California and U.S. Constitutions, the attorneys said.

The 36-year-old graduate of the California State University in Sacramento is a highly decorated former military policeman, who served as a platoon leader in state-wide drug interdiction efforts, was detailed to Germany during the Desert Storm conflict with the US Army, and served in Los Angeles during the Rodney King riots.

Holmes told the *Bay Area Reporter* that his discharge under the regulations means the loss of his military benefits,

including access to government-sponsored medical care and housing perks.

"It's an issue of civil rights. For many people coming from poor families, the military is the only way out," he said. "It remains the country's largest employer."

Holmes told the *B.A.R.* that while many military brass – including his commanding general – have told him privately that they support his cause, they are unwilling to publicly challenge the military ban on lesbians and gays.

More than 600 servicemembers were discharged from the armed forces in 1994 because they were lesbian or gay, Wotman said, and replacing the almost 20,000 gay men and women discharged from the military since 1980 has cost the federal government more than \$580 million.

Holmes's suit is the first filed by a servicemember to challenge the military's right to ban private gay consensual sexual conduct.

Because Holmes was a member of the National Guard, the case could be a precedent that affects other state militias. Eight states currently ban sexual orientation discrimination. ▼

KSFO Meets with Alioto, Gay Activists

by Dennis Conkin

Activists intend to mount a challenge to the FCC license currently held by KSFO-AM despite the station's recent termination of the controversial deejay J. Paul Emerson, the *Bay Area Reporter* has learned.

The station has also complied with activist demands that lesbian San Francisco Health

Department Director Sandra Hernandez record a series of informational pieces regarding AIDS and HIV transmission to be broadcast on the station.

However, activists who attended a Thursday, February 23 meeting with KSFO General Manager Mickey Luckoff and Operations Manager Jack Swanson said Luckoff admitted that the trigger-tempered

Emerson was fired because "he was unmanageable" talent, and not because of his homophobia or AIDS misinformation.

Emerson was terminated

after an on-air rage against sister station KGO-TV's general manager Jim Topping on February 16, following Topping's decision to pre-empt a Phil Donahue

show on which Emerson appeared.

Topping felt the program – in which Emerson repeated his

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Local Performer Offers To Help Alaska Marriages

by Kent Brandley

While the national media's attention has been focused of late on the possibility that same-sex marriages will become legal in Hawaii, the 50th state, a similar move is afoot in Alaska, the 49th state. Two factors seem favorably disposed to gender-neutral marriage laws in Alaska: the state's lagging economy could only benefit if the state becomes to gay marriage what Nevada is to heterosexual divorce; and it is a state where most citizens agree cold nights require another warm body for survival – and avoid being too judgmental about which bodies end up together.

Now that a new group has formed to push for gender-neutral marriage laws in Alaska, at least one San Franciscan is determined to help. Juggler/playwright/performer Sara Felder will hold a benefit for the group "Alaskans for Marriage" at Josie's Cabaret next Thursday, March 9 at 8 p.m. Even the show, which Felder calls "June Bride," has a marriage theme: she says it is the story of her "traditional Jewish Lesbian Wedding." The

show has settled in for a month-long run, but only the March 9 performance is a benefit for Alaskans for Marriage.

The founders of the group, Gene Dugan and Jay Brause, are directors of the Out North Theatre in Anchorage and have been domestic partners for 16 years. In 1987 they filed suit against the state of Alaska for their right to be married. "There's nothing more telling about our inequality in society than the refusal of the state to recognize our most intimate relationships," Brause said.

Now, with the formation of Alaskans for Marriage, a 501-c3 non-profit organization, Brause says they are preparing to reopen their case in the Third Judicial District of Alaska Superior Court – if they can raise an estimated \$5,000 in start-up costs to research and file their suit. ▼

■ Josie's is located at 3583 16th Street at Market. For additional information on the show, call (415) 861-7933. To speak with Dugan and Brause, call (907) 279-8099.

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She's Packing!

Supervisor Susan Leal recently left her old haunts at earthquake-damaged City Hall to move across the street to safer surroundings – and plusher offices – at the War Memorial Bldg. at 401 Van Ness Ave. The supes are located on the third floor, and the Board meets on the fourth.

Gordon Shares Koshland Award

by Kent Brandley

Gil Gordon, a San Francisco gay man who is executive director of Ingleside Community Center, was among the 21 leaders from San Francisco's Oceanview-Merced-Ingleside (OMI) neighborhood honored this year with the San Francisco Foundation's Daniel E. Koshland Civic Unity Awards. The awards were presented Tuesday, February 27 at the SFSU Seven Hills Conference Center.

As executive director of the Ingleside Community Center, the 46-year-old Gordon developed the first community-based computer literacy program. The organization also provides job development/job training, a cultural enrichment program, criminal intervention support, and a drug rehabilitation program.

Gordon, a native San Franciscan who grew up in the city's Western Addition, has been instrumental in forming two of the three major collaboratives that exist within the OMI community.

Gordon's award included \$25,000 for Ingleside Community Center (\$5,000 per year for five years) and \$1,500 for himself.

The Koshland Civic Unit Awards recognize grassroots risk-takers in the community, the social

innovators of bold spirit who accept the most stubborn neighborhood problems as a personal challenge.



Gil Gordon

The San Francisco Foundation has assets of about \$300 million, and is one of the largest community foundations in the U.S. It approved \$9.6 million in grants and distributed \$11.9 million in fiscal year 1994, according to recommendations made by active donors, for a total of \$21.5 million.

The awards are made in the spirit of the late Dan Koshland, who was president of Levi Strauss & Co. until his retirement in 1958. Koshland, who died in 1979, was also a prominent civic leader and founder of the San Francisco Foundation. "He was committed to fostering civic unity and purpose in the Bay Area," said John Racanelli, chair of the Daniel E. Koshland Committee of the San Francisco Foundation. ▼

Let's Get This Under Control Now! Crystal Symposium Next Thursday

by Kent Brandley

Crystal methamphetamine (speed) use is becoming increasingly prevalent in the gay community, warns Matthew Denckla, 29, a concerned gay man who is a health information specialist with the Marin AIDS Project. *The Marin Independent Journal*, in a recent page one story, says it is now the synthetic drug of choice in Marin, and the same is obviously true in the San Francisco gay community.

"The drug is more addictive than heroin, and recovery from crystal Meth addiction can be a long process, frequently fraught with relapse," Denckla told the *B.A.R.* He said it is frequently snorted, swallowed, used intravenously, and injected by syringe rectally. This can be very damaging to the rectum, he warned.

Denckla calls the drug "pernicious," only partly because it is cheaper and more long lasting than cocaine.

"For people living with HIV, it is a real no-no," Denckla said.

Denckla will be panel moderator at a community symposium on the issue to be held in San Francisco next Thursday, March 9. The symposium will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Audre Lorde Room at the Women's Building, located at 3543 18th Street.

For an hour panelists will discuss the facts and then the audience will be asked to offer their viewpoints and experiences for an additional hour.

Panelists will include Dr. Diana Ammodia, medical coordinator of HIV services at the Haight-Ashbury Free Clinics; Paul O'Malley, program manager and epidemiologist, HIV vaccine study, San Francisco Department of Public Health; Tom Moon, therapist in private practice; and Eliot Ramos, youth intervention coordinator in the Communications Department at the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. Antoine Garth, co-owner of Pantheon Productions, is presenting the "Speed Symposium" as a public service contribution.

"The huge impact of methamphetamine can be seen in the social life, sex life, and daily life of many gay people," Denckla said. "In addition to the extremely addictive components of crystal Meth, many community health professionals see this widespread use to be particularly problematic for prevention of HIV transmission. People high on crystal Meth often take sexual risks."

Speed is so prevalent and problematic among gay and bisexual men in Seattle that a specific HIV prevention/education campaign has been established by the Seattle King County Department of Public Health.

Widespread use of speed among gays, lesbians, transgendered individuals and other young people in San Francisco is well known. Denckla said it is estimated that about 80 percent of those in the Haight Ashbury Clinic's HIV infection and substance abuse addiction recovery program are gay men on speed. "It is a huge problem," he said. ▼

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The merger team: (left to right) Dr. Steve Burns, 18th Street Services executive director; Judith Stevenson, California Pacific Community Services; Michael Switzer, chair of 18th Street board; Larry Klein, chair of Operation Concern board; and Kevin McGirr, Operation Concern director.

Operation Concern, 18th Street Merge

by Dennis Conkin

Operation Concern, the city's largest non-profit lesbian and gay mental health services agency, will merge with 18th Street Services, a gay men's outpatient substance abuse treatment service. The merger will become effective July 15, the agencies have announced.

The agencies have a combined annual budget of almost \$2 million a year, said Dr. Steve Burns, 18th Street Services executive director. An estimated 90 percent of the budgets of both agencies come from public funds.

No name has yet been chosen for the new agency and there are no immediate plans to merge operations into a single location, Burns said.

"We just negotiated the merger and there are a lot of questions that need to be answered," Burns said.

But, he said, no employee of either agency will be laid off due to the merger for at least one year.

Burns told the *Bay Area Reporter* that the merger was essential to the continued survival of lesbian- and gay-specific mental health and substance abuse services.

Operation Concern also operates Operation Recovery and Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders program for lesbian and gay seniors.

The merger negotiations were facilitated by Judith Stevenson, a former OC executive director and one-time vice president of California Pacific Medical Centers Community Services Department. The financially troubled medical center has dismantled its community service division and will transfer its interest to the new organization on July 15.

Burns said that it was in the interest of both agencies to merge - OC because of the situation with CPMC, and 18th Street because "sooner or later" it would have been required by the San Francisco Health Commission to consolidate.

OC director Kevin McGirr will become a half-time consultant to facilitate the transition,

and Burns will become the executive director of the new agency.

"We've got to figure out what to call ourselves," McGirr said in a press statement. "For now, we're using 'The New Organization,' but that's just the name we came up with during negotiations."

Operation Concern was created in 1974 as a project sponsored by the historic San Francisco Tavern Guild, a group of civic-minded gay and lesbian bar owners and restaurateurs who were deeply concerned about community mental health and social service needs.

It grew from a budget of about \$100,000 a year to a multi-service agency with an annual budget of about \$1 million by 1980, says Supervisor Carole Migden, who served as OC's director from 1980-1988.

"Operation Concern and its founding are important parts of our community history and I would hate to see that lost in the merger. I was surprised and unaware that the discussions had come to fruition," Migden told the *B.A.R.* "I think the trend is toward consolidation, and that the trend will continue, but I am hopeful that the identity will not be lost. Operation Concern has a great lineage and a rich history," Migden said.

The same is true of 18th Street Services, said former executive director Jerry De Jong. Currently pursuing the Unitarian-Universalist ministry as a student at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, De Jong is credited with turning the once scandal-plagued 18th Street Services into a national model for gay men's outpatient substance abuse treatment services.

"I think that if the merger helps the programs at both agencies survive, that's great. But I hope that it's done in the service of both programs rather than just to meet some fiscal bottom line," he said.

Burns said the consolidation will streamline the administration of both agencies and create one agency with a wide diversity of mental health and substance abuse services.

The new agency will be guided by a 30-person board, combining the 18th Street Services board and the OC community advisory board.

The new board will recruit at least eight women to balance its gender composition, Burns said. ▼

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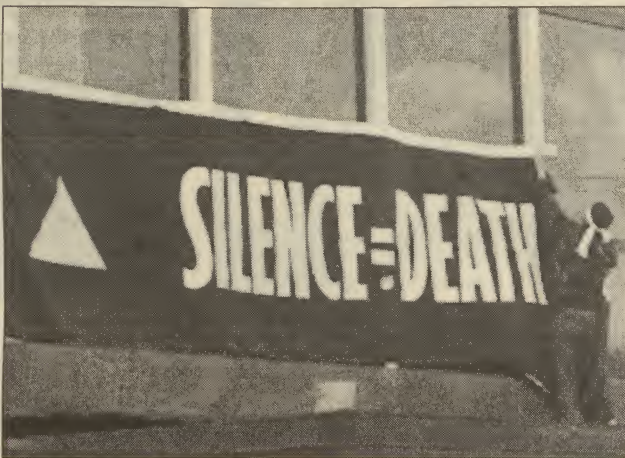
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**EDITORIAL**

What We're Giving Up for Lent

Mardi Gras is over. Whether you remembered to celebrate it on Tuesday, dancing in naked delight under the stars and letting the good times roll all over you, or not, it's gone now. And Lent is here. Yes, it's a metaphor. But it's also true.

For those whose religious instruction may have passed over Lent, let us briefly explain that it is the period of 40 days (excluding Sundays) between Mardi Gras and Easter.

At this time it is traditional among some Christians to honor God by giving up something they enjoy in their earthly life. Some people give up sweets for Lent, while others drop meat, drinking, or smoking. The whole thing is sort of like the annual running of New Year's resolutions — except with the added incentive of eternal hellfire if they fail.

The merits of such a belief are not for us to judge here. If you want to undergo self-denial and penitence, go ahead and do it. But we urge readers who are observing Lent this year to give up something that makes sense. Complacency.

Of all the opiates and crutches we use to excess in the gay community, complacent contentment may have the greatest potential for our destruction. Even now, with the Contract on America gaining steam and proving to be as bad as predicted; with AIDS funding being cut to supply more money to the Pentagon; and with anti-gay violence escalating, a wildly inappropriate contentment seems to be gripping San Francisco's lesbians and gays. That's what we would like for people to put on hold until April, at least.

If enough gays and lesbians can shake off the urge to be complacent until Easter, we may have an Easter worth celebrating and a Good Friday that really is a good Friday. Otherwise, that may end up being just another weekend to think about crucifixions.

It won't be easy to kick the habit of being contented, but that is the point of Lent, we hear. It's difficult to think peace and quiet is easier to quit than

tobacco or chocolate; and we know even the most virtuous people who put down their cigarettes or swear off candy bars until April 16 can be expected to be pretty grouchy and uncomfortable at first.

But those who are able to deny themselves the pleasure of being satisfied with the world at this moment may be establishing a later satisfaction that can last. We hope so.

Part of the reason we mention this is that the 1995 Lenten season marks the eighth anniversary of ACT UP's founding in New York.

The current editor of the *B.A.R.*, Mike Salinas, was present at the first meeting, and at their next three actions. During those first few weeks it was obvious to him that a lot of ACT UP members — white collar executives, blue collar delivery persons, the mother of a PWA who sat in the middle of Broadway to shut down Wall Street until the cops hauled her away — had never undertaken any political action before.

But they did it anyway. It wasn't easy for them, but it was important for them, to stop feeling the world was okay and to start focusing on the crisis 24 hours a day, seven days a week, until it was over.

Which, of course, it isn't.

What is over, unfortunately, seems to be the fire that drove those political neophytes. Along the way complacency crept back into gay lives and a lot of ACT UP chapters withered and died, like too many of our friends and lovers.

It may have been unreasonable to expect people to be angry — or angry enough — to keep ACT UP's passion going all this time; that's why we now suggest being angry only until Easter. After Lent is over, the choice is up to the individual: some will continue trading on the dissatisfaction until some political change is effected, while others will gratefully trade it in for some transitory contentment.

One more thing: if anyone wants to give up something more tangible for Lent, we suggest starting with crystal meth — another killer of the community and its drive to better itself politically. A symposium on the problem is scheduled for next Thursday. Details are on page 4. See you there. ▼

GUEST OPINION

Those Who Hate PBS, Hate You

by **Jeff Epperty**

Proponents of the effort to destroy the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), the government-supported funding agency for the nation's public broadcasting network, have thus far been fairly successful in portraying the attempt as a libertarian revolt against the so-called media elite. The facts suggest otherwise. Since figures from the Association of America's Public Television Stations suggest that over 95.5 million Americans a week watch public television at one time or another, the elitism charge is dubious. Not only that, but the term "elitism" is a meaningless but effective code word thrown around with increasing frequency by the radical right in this country.

You may not think that funding for PBS is a gay issue, but the congressmen engineering its downfall are as opposed to you and your rights as they can be.

The men who introduced HR208, the bill that would repeal CPB's statutory authority, are Congressmen Charles Canady (R-FL), Larry Combest (R-TX), Philip Crane (R-IL), Robert Doman (R-CA), Mel Hancock (R-MO), Duncan Hunter (R-CA), Ernest Jim Istook (R-OK), Ed Royce (R-CA), Gerald Solomon (R-NY), and Bob Stump (R-AZ). We also must not forget Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-GA), who is not a co-sponsor of the measure, but who is leading the charge against the CPB.

These men, all of whom feign moral outrage over how a paltry \$285 million dollars to the CPB is allegedly corrupting America, have many things in common. Not the least of these commonalities is the fact that they all — every single one of them — received a 100 percent rating from Pat Robertson's *Christian Coalition*. And that's not all.

Of the 11 mentioned above, six completed the 1994 National Political Awareness Test (NPAT), sent out by Project Vote Smart, a non-partisan voter education project. NPAT asked scores of questions of 1994 political candidates, with the topics ranging from welfare spending and AIDS to taxes and the environment.

Doman, Gingrich, Hunter, Istook, Solomon, and Stump answered the questions. The results: All six favor a decrease in AIDS spending, a decrease in health care spending overall, the abolishment of the Department of Education, and the retention of the ban on gays in the military. All six also favor a decrease in taxes for families earning over \$140,000 a year. So much for the elitism of PBS.

It's also instructive to point out that of these 11 men, all of whom profess an affinity for "family values," seven received a zero percent approval rating from the Children's Defense Fund, the nation's premiere organization advocating for the rights of children and teenagers. Canady, Combest, Istook, and Solomon all received a rating of less than ten percent. Please note also that between them they have received in the last two elections more than \$200,000 in campaign contributions from the communications and electronics industry — much of which would love to erase the government-funded competition posed by PBS.

These are clearly men with agendas that have little to do with freeing you from the tyranny of subsidizing *Quilting in Amish Country*. The radical right and its guiding light, the Christian Coalition, are becoming more adept at disguising their motives behind talk of fiscal austerity and states' rights. I don't buy it for a minute.

PBS enlightens and broadens the perspective of its viewers, and that is the crux of the matter: enlightenment is the enemy of radicalism, left and right.

The real problem with PBS is not elitism. The real problem is that the Christian Coalition knows that PBS makes people smarter. And the smarter Americans become, the less chance there is they'll join the Christian Coalition. ▼

— From Bay Windows, Boston

LETTERS

Unionization at SFAF

I cannot help but be concerned with the ongoing controversy surrounding the unionization of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation.

While recognizing that San Francisco is a "union town," and being in favor of unions generally, I cannot help but question the motivations in this particular instance.

The AIDS Foundation has consistently led the way in providing much-needed assistance to people in the San Francisco HIV community. In a time of greater needs and shrinking available dollars, I hope that those voting would take into consideration the effect their vote will have on people living with HIV and AIDS in San Francisco.

If such unionization will have greater overhead costs associated with it, then that will inevitably reduce the dollars available to those you are charged with assisting. If this be the case, I would urge you to reconsider your priorities.

Bill Hershon
Consumer Advocate,
HIV Planning Council

CUAV For All

In the wake of the passage of Proposition 187, CUAV wants to make our position crystal clear: our services are available to all members of our community regardless of immigration status. We do not ask individuals for information regarding immigration status. We are here to serve individuals who need our assistance.

CUAV provides crisis intervention, counseling and advocacy services to victims of anti-lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender hate violence and victims of same sex domestic violence. Spanish speaking counselors are available from 10am-6pm daily. We hope that anyone in need of our services will call our 24 hour crisis line (415-333-HELP).

We're here to help.

Lester Olmstead-Rose
Executive Director, CUAV

St. Patrick's Gays

There is a misconception that a recent ruling of U.S. District Judge Mark Wolf actually reverses previous court rulings prohibiting the exclusion of a gay & lesbian group from Boston's traditional St. Patrick's Day parade. The fact is, the ruling only allows the South Boston Allied War Veterans Council, the former sponsors of Boston's St. Patrick's Day parade, to exclude the gay and lesbian group from participating in their event, providing the event is not billed as a "St. Patrick's Day" parade, but as a protest against the previous rulings against the Veterans' group. To comply with the ruling, the Veterans' parade will not be held on St. Patrick's Day (also observed as Evacuation Day in Boston), but two days later.

The gay community should look at this development as an opportunity, rather than as a setback, for the advancement of our civil rights. This year, the Veterans' group, in their effort to achieve a psychological (albeit temporary) victory, have managed to create a situation, which, if handled wisely, may eventually lead to inclusion, not by court order, but by public consensus, of gays and lesbians in future events.

The traditional St. Patrick's Day (or Evacuation Day, as originally conceived) parade has always been a major opportunity for Boston's elected officials to take to the streets for photo ops, hand shaking, baby kissing, and general schmoozing. When, and if, a public servant takes to the streets for the Veterans' parade this year, it will be with the full knowledge that their participation must be seen as a statement of open bigotry, rather than as a celebration of Boston's Irish heritage.

In contrast, just across the Charles River, Cambridge has announced plans for their own St. Patrick's Day parade, and gone out of its way to invite participants of all backgrounds and orientations. As we enter an era of civil dialog between formerly bitter enemies in Northern Ireland, this promises to be a genuine celebration in the spirit which should characterize the holiday.

True, the bigots will be marching in South Boston, unencumbered this year by the presence of those whose "lifestyles" differ from their own. Hopefully, though, when all is said and done, the people of Boston, the business community, and their public servants, whether or not they are Irish, gay, straight, or bisexual, will see that society benefits most when all members of that society celebrate its diversity, rather than emphasize its differences.

Jon Michael Stewart
Boston, MA

Practicing Democracy

I was going to let your not unexpected derisive rejoinder to my letter (2/2) go without further comment. Long-time readership has shown me that snide comments and *ad hominem* attacks seem to be your stock-in-trade for letters that take issue with something you have published. However, I will be magnanimous - after all, even you are open to redemption! (*O.K., calm down; that last sentence is a bit of an attempt at humor!*)

You purport to be practicing the art of journalism. As such, one would think that you would practice the higher virtues of that art, i.e., seeking truth, openness to divergent opinions with an eye to the promotion of dialogue, and expressing the divergences of views of your target audience. I could go on, but those are example enough. What I find in the *B.A.R.*, however, is a lack of the conditions necessary for the sort of public dialogue that generates authentic political disagreement. To disagree over politics in the manner appropriate to a democracy, conversationalists must share some understanding of how to carry out civic debate and must meet in a public forum (a newspaper, perhaps?) where each recognizes the other's vested interest in their shared identity as citizens. Your implication that I just "don't get it," i.e., the connection between the "anti-homosexual and anti-abortion campaigns of the Catholics and fundies" denies at its root (albeit in a very flip, off-hand manner) the kind of debate between citizens that is vital to a healthy democracy. [By the way, in re-reading my original letter, I never denied any such connection! That was *your* spin on what I said about Tammy Bruce's "rantings and ravings."] Rather than seeking out the "50-words-or-less" opinion of the day, you might do your readership an infinitely more valuable service by actively encouraging and seeking out thoughtful convictions which have been developed beyond the level of mere opinion. As G.K. Chesterton once said: "An open mind, like an open mouth, should close on some thing."

Your readership deserves to have its suppositions challenged, intellects engaged, and opinions devastated where they are not born of more than spur of the moment reaction. It is easy to parrot back what seems to be the prevailing opinion of those whom support you. However, opinions are often quickly formed and even more quickly abandoned. Convictions, by contrast, are slowly acquired and firmly maintained. Their holders do not surrender them readily. They are the public truths upon which we all stand, the truths by which we live and die. In the 2/13/95 issue of *U.S. News & World Report*, John Leo quotes Jean Bethke Elshstain's new book, *Democracy on Trial*, as follows: "A compilation of opinions does not make a civic culture; such a culture emerges only from a deliberative process." Even though both Leo and Elshstain are quite conservative, in this particular case I believe that they both have grasped the issue succinctly. Further on in the article, Leo says: "A conviction may be personal or religious, but it has to be defended rationally against people with different principles, or there is no point in discussing it at all." Is that not a statement with which you can agree?

I can't help but believe that if you would operate from the premise that your readers are people of good will who want to take the opportunity to dialogue together about issues over which there is not unanimity of belief, then your mocking "tags" to letters to the editor would no longer be an approach that is compatible with further constructive dialogue.

Rest assured: I will continue to be your gadfly. Your paper does our communities much and often good service. You can provide even better service by encouraging and supporting the feedback of those who wish you well and want to do all within their power to ensure that the "well" that you are wished results in a *mitzvah* for us all.

Jim McCrea
Piedmont, CA

The Right to Charge High Rent

The *San Francisco Examiner* quoted Colorado Chief Justice Luis Rovira as saying "One's rights to life, liberty and property may not be submitted to a vote; they depend on the outcome of no elections," in reference to his overturning the gay rights laws passed by the Colorado voters. In San Francisco, 103,000 voters took away my right to choose with whom I live, by making every room in my home subject to rent control. Amazingly, this ordinance was supported by many of the gay and lesbian supervisors and political organizations. What's the difference?

David McCrary
San Francisco

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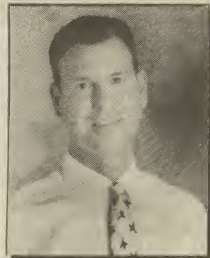
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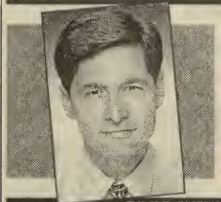


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Desperation Politics

This letter is in response to the fools who continue to spread deadly misinformation about AIDS: most recently G. Louis Silvia, who believes that AIDS is caused by drug abuse, pollution, self-hatred and eating too many donuts, and Roy Sather, who asks for us to fund a study to disprove the connection between HIV and AIDS. A person would have to be pretty desperate to put all their faith in one such study, versus dozens of others that confirm most HIV-positive people eventually die of AIDS-related complications. Sure, a few remain healthy, inexplicably, sometimes in the face of major abuse! That's only a few, you idiots! Spending money to research and confirm the decision you've already made is sick: That's politics, not science, and politics is the art of deceiving people.

Your letters may have just convinced a lot of other wishful-thinking gay men to go out and have unsafe sex tonight, because if, as you say, AIDS is caused not by a virus, but rather from the junk we eat and breathe, then it's not sexually transmitted! Oh happy day! Let's go back to fucking like we used to! Well, what if you're wrong, boys? That makes you and your fellow believers into murderers because AIDS is sexually transmitted, you morons! Fine, don't call it HIV, but it sure as hell is something in there doing virus-like destruction.

So listen, Mr. Silvia, Mr. Sather, Ms. Mullis and Mr. McKown, the "hundreds of others" you claim believe as you do (like you really know) would have to be really gullible gay men who don't know what to think until they read opinions like yours in the letters column. You're a tiny, uninformed minority. Don't ally yourself with Peter Duesberg - he's a fame-seeking doctor who stands to profit by carving his niche! There are gads of studies out there to show that HIV contributes to or causes AIDS. The only thing you have to show us is your fantasy that there is no virus at all. Whether or not to kill yourself by having unsafe sex is your choice, but to spread AIDS and encourage others to give up the fight is criminal. Well, I guess it's not criminal if you can't comprehend the meaning of your actions, but it is, at best, insane.

Christian Matthews
Oakland, CA

Ignoring the Facts

I am writing in response to a letter in the Feb. 2 issue from G. Louis Silvia and Dean Evan McKown on the Peter Duesberg theories (for lack of a better description).

As a person who has been dealing with HIV and AIDS on a personal level for many years, I can understand your frustration with the medical establishment in dealing with this disease. I consider your desire to look for alternative causes and treatments to be based in that frustration. The problem I have with your approach is your blatant avoidance of proven facts and the gross falsehoods you present. Let me list a few. 1) HIV=AIDS=DEATH Most of the people I know within or outside the medical establishment have been fighting this notion for some time now. I do believe you're living in the past. With the use of traditional and alternative treatments and a positive lifestyle people are learning to live with this disease. This brings me to my second point. 2) You state, "All long-term survivors have turned to nontraditional medicine and fresh, real nutrition." The implication here is that there are no long-term survivors using traditional or conventional medicine or eating anything but sprouts and tofu. This I find to be a gross falsehood. I know of many people, including myself, who are longtime survivors who use what the medical establishment has to offer, as we see fit (this includes antivirals) and eat sensibly. Therefore your statement that "All" is false. I also have known people who have tried alternative treatments including dietary supplements and unfortunately still experienced disease progression and death. There is no magic treatment or cure. 3) Your assertion that HIV is a "do-nothing virus" ignores research and data to the contrary. The notion that HIV has nothing to do with immune suppression is dangerous and counterproductive in my opinion. Studies have shown that with the demise of CD4 cells the virus grows. It has also been established that if the replication of the virus is slowed or stopped the CD4 cells increase again. To deny any correlation between the suppression of the immune system and the presence and growth of the virus is to ignore established facts.

I'm all for using alternative forms of treatment for this or any disease but to dismiss the medical establishment and all the work that has been done out of frustration that they haven't fixed it yet is just not rational. Why not work together so we can all enjoy a better quality of life.

Bob Smith
San Francisco

Defending Duesberg

I am sorry you malign a really great man who is working tirelessly to bring some scientific truth into one of the biggest messes of the century. [Editorial, "Boaring Us to Death," February 9, 1995]

As I told you, this unfortunate situation has come about because of a serious rift between the two authors of the book - Bryan Ellison and Peter Duesberg. Bryan has taken the manuscript and published it for his own purposes without the consent of Peter Duesberg. The book is presently in a format that Peter does not approve of. He also does not wish it to become a partisan issue, which the present publishers are making it.

Peter H. Duesberg has always argued the case of HIV on a purely scientific basis, which is plain for anyone to see if they would only read his papers.

Your fears that Peter will not get the research money saved from doing away with HIV research and that it will go to the Pentagon is unfounded. The line item veto seems sure to pass, so that the days of pork barreling are just about over. You are stuck in the politics of the past. I too have been a liberal all of my life. I am now a registered Democrat and at one time was a member of the Peace and Freedom Party. In those days the issues were clear-cut. Nowadays, however, in order to survive, we must all become pragmatists and do what works. One cannot have the luxury of abstract political thought when the boat is sinking. We must all bail with all the energy we can muster, and that means all political parties coming together to solve our enormous problems. I realize the dangers inherent in a monolithic structure, I am not advocating that, but we can make constructive criticism within the framework of a new working model to save The Republic.

Science has also suffered terribly from being wedded to politics. AIDS has become the most political disease ever. The HIV dogma must be separated from gay politics and we must begin to form a genuine gay movement based on our own unique qualities, not on pathology.

I would hope that you might want to continue this dialogue.

Fred A. Cline, Jr.
San Francisco

Prayer Predictions

[The following letter was sent to the editor of the Bay Area Christian News.]

As a mother of three, it is easy to assume prayer in school is needed. But think about what will happen if the government is in charge of school prayer:

First, public displays of prayer in school would teach all children from the youngest ages that they can violate the teachings of Jesus Christ. Re-read Matthew 6:5-8 where our Savior teaches us how to pray: "And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

"When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him."

Many of us initially think of prayer as a freedom of speech issue. But beware because the probablers will demand their turn and then lead our children in a prayer pointing out that the Bible never says life begins at conception. Next homosexual students will promote their agenda under the guise of prayer.

Our children can say Christian prayers now. There is no ban on a pupil silently praying as a test is being passed out. Instead of socializing in the hallway, our children may enter the classroom a moment early to say whatever they feel in a personal prayer before the bell rings. If children do not understand they have this right, then is it not a failure of their parents and our churches to guide them on how they can pray in school?

Finally, do we really want atheist/agnostic teachers instructing our children in prayer?

Praise the Lord!

Maryann Wilson
Oakland

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Mr. Wilson Goes to Washington?

Flash! You read it here first! Willie Brown will run for mayor of San Francisco, and Art Agnos will back out in deference to the speaker! Really.

Now, on to the state and national news: Although Governor Pete Wilson still publicly brushes off suggestions that he will eventually get into the Republican fray for that party's presidential nomination

Commentary

next year, some of his aides and advisors were reportedly carefully putting out the word to "trusted" reporters during the California Republican State Convention in Sacramento this past weekend that "Pete already looms over the other candidates" and would very likely enter the race - probably sooner rather than later.

Even the governor himself has shifted his position from being a "non-candidate" to being "undecided." Indeed, some of Wilson's closest confidants admit that he has been quietly calling GOP activists and allies around the country to measure the amount of support his candidacy might bring.

Obviously, the specter of Wilson as a presidential candidate has become the dominant issue in California politics for the past two months, and the man himself has done very little to discourage that talk. And while the official major business of the more than 2,000 delegates and party officials attending last weekend's confab was to elect new party officers for the next two years, most of those present clearly had the "Wilson factor" on their minds.

As some of the GOP presidential hopefuls - Quayle, Kemp, Bennett - have removed themselves from the fracas, Pete Wilson's stock among party leaders has grown. One California Republican member of Congress told reporters last week that "Pete's a natural; his coming from the largest state makes him a sure candidate - he will officially be a candidate by October 1."

Originally, the idea of a Wilson candidacy for president (or the veep slot) was largely discounted because of the state's succession laws: Democratic Lieutenant Governor Gray Davis would become top dog if Wilson were on a winning GOP ticket. However, many of those urging Wilson to run are arguing that, by 1997, state Republicans will effectively control the Legislature (especially the

Assembly), making it difficult, if not impossible, for "Governor" Gray Davis to push through Democratic programs.

Wilson's dramatic comeback against Kathleen Brown and his identification with two very popular issues (illegal immigration and the so-called "three strikes" bill) in this country make him a hot political property far beyond our state's borders. Another factor that could prove to be in Wilson's favor is the fact that the Democrats have repeatedly admitted that they have to carry California to hold on to the presidency next year, and some of that party's higher-ups grudgingly admit that Pete Wilson is probably the one Republican who could overcome the popu-



Gov. Pete Wilson

larity that President Clinton enjoys in this state.

Wilson for president? I wouldn't bet my first-born on it, but the 1996 GOP Convention in the governor's home town of San Diego could see a knockdown, drag-out fight between Wilson and the current front-runner, Senator Bob Dole. My guess is that the guv gets into it - very possibly sooner than we expect.

Politics and people

The Louganis story: When Olympic diver Greg Louganis announced last week that he tested positive for HIV a few years ago and now suffers from full-blown AIDS, there were the usual tabloid headlines - and articles on the sports pages of the nation's respectable dailies - but none of the outpouring of good wishes and concern that followed basketball great Magic Johnson's announcement in 1991 that he had been infected with the virus.

Why not, you might ask? After all, Louganis won no less than four gold medals at the 1984 and 1988 Summer Olympics and is considered the greatest com-

petitive diver in the history of that sport. Well, Greg Louganis publicly disclosed that he is gay during last year's Gay Games in New York, and Magic Johnson, at least for the record, is heterosexual. Need I say more?

From D.C. comes the long-awaited word that the Supreme Court will decide later this year whether states can override city laws that protect gays and lesbians from discrimination. This marks the first time in nearly a decade that the top court will address a major conflict over gay rights.

However, while the question to be argued before the court next fall is whether a state's prohibition on local protections for gays violates a fundamental right, the more basic test for homosexual status - whether or not it can be equated with race or sex for constitutional protection against discrimination - may very well not be reached in this decision, since the Colorado State Supreme Court avoided that question when it ruled that the state's Amendment 2 violated the constitutional guarantee of equal protection under the law. Could the Supreme Court in their decision later this year be giving us "one step forward and two steps back?"

I guess it takes time, but the total number of women in Congress increased by only one after last November's election.

Representative Barney Frank, D-Massachusetts, told a Boston radio audience that it should be legal to smoke marijuana, but not to sell it. Frank said he doesn't drink, smoke, or do drugs himself ... but does he inhale?

The Quote of the Week (from the L.A. Times): "Through his 1994 disclosure that he is gay and his sad announcement last week that he has AIDS, Olympic champion Greg Louganis has performed a heroic public service that alone deserves 'A Medal for Courage.' First, Louganis has helped to undermine the lingering stereotypes about gay people; he has been one of the world's finest athletes, winning five world championships and fame as the greatest diver in the history of that sport. Second, he has helped to educate the public about the dreaded disease and to fight the stigma still associated with it. Louganis, at 35, now faces the most severe obstacle in what has been a difficult and sometimes troubled life; he says he attempted suicide, had dyslexia, suffered discrimination because of his Samoan ancestry, and was abused by his adoptive father. Against all this, he has triumphed; we can only admire his courage." ▼

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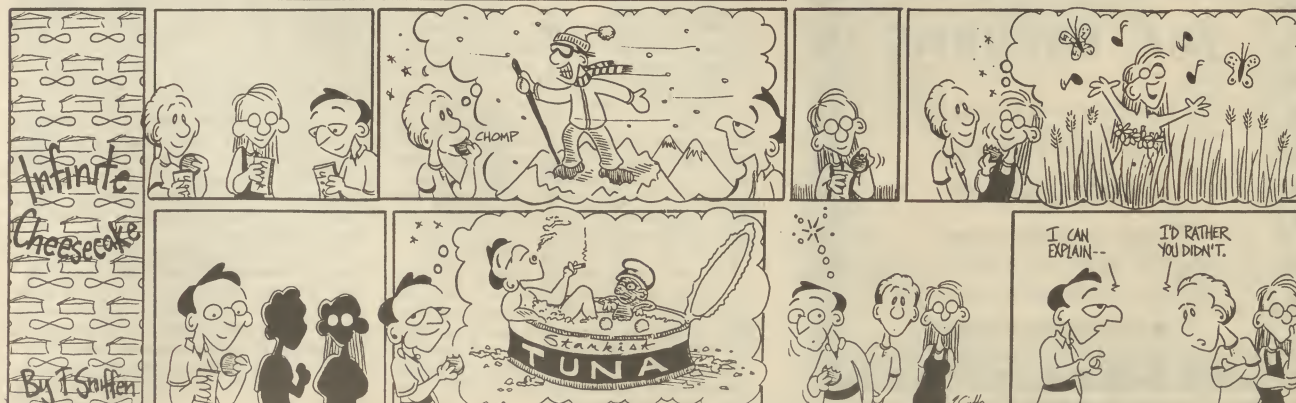
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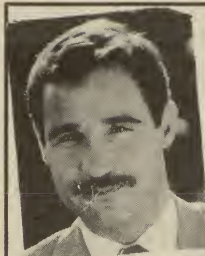
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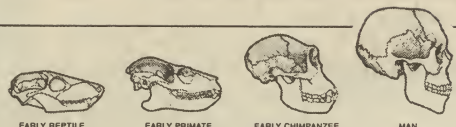
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Freed of Nature

by Elissa Perry

During the past few years, I have been studiously avoiding lesbian poetry. The end-less walks through forests simulated by references to flowers and "sinewy" limbs (trees) became more than tiresome. Lesbian poetry began to evoke a reaction much like the sauce bernaise effect. (This is the inclination to vomit upon smelling, tasting or, in this case, reading something with which one has had a negative digestive experience in the past.)

I don't seem to be the only one with this problem. I've heard more intentionally bad poetry written by lesbians mocking lesbians in the last year on the SF reading/performance circuit than I've heard "serious" poetry trying desperately to be anything but bad. I have heard and read a few good poems, but they were all by authors I have been reading for years. The old standbys are getting old, and I'm not talking age.

Every once in a while, I would try to confront my phobia. I would inch my way toward the poetry section of a given bookstore, anxiety building, and open a book. After one or two poems - occasionally I'd get through three - I'd quickly slam it shut and shove it back on the shelf, hoping that it was in the slot from which I'd taken it but unable to actually take the time to check. Then I'd run away tripping over vegetation, full moons and walks on the beach, the odor of far too many flowers tickling the uvula at the back of my throat.

Recently, however, I was caught unawares, duped by my poor eyesight. I stood before the new releases table in a Mission bookstore and a black-and-white cover drew my perusing eye. Attracted to the image, I picked up the paperback book, noticing the author's name: Cristina Peri Rossi.

I think I've heard of her, I thought to myself. In fact, I think she's a dyke. I quickly opened the book, failing to notice the words *Evohe: Erotic Poems*.

I devoured it. I stood there

immobile, transfixed by the woman, her words, her women and the relationships she created amongst them. I got halfway through the book before I could rip my mind (and my cunt) away long enough to pay for it.

I walked the two blocks to the bus stop. Peri Rossi has a gem of a read here. She discusses women, writing, sex, lust, desire, relationships and passion all at once with wistful, fleeting imagery that is clear and exact in its conveying of emotion. By the time the bus (that damned 33) came, I had finished the book and started it again.

Amorous cry

Between readings, I found the title, then read the introduc-

Commentary

tion and the back to find out what it meant. Peri Rossi informs us that "Evohe" is a word of Greek origin and "was the onomatopoeic cry of the bacchantes during the feasts and rites paying homage to Bacchus, the god of wine and revelry." She puts her own twist on the word, using it "in the sense of an amorous cry."

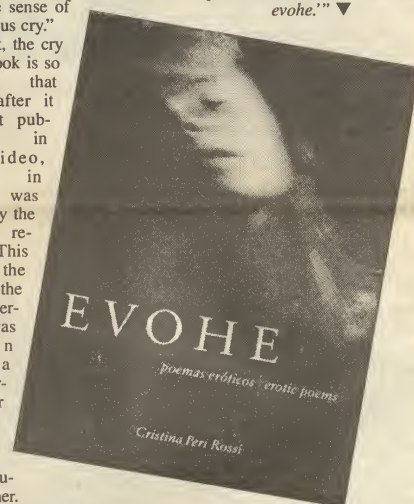
In fact, the cry of this book is so amorous that shortly after it was first published in Montevideo, Uruguay in 1971, it was banned by the military regime. This despite the fact that the original version was written with a male narrator talking about/to women in a sensuous manner.

For Peri Rossi, this collection of poetry was an act of re-

sistance in an at-mosphere of re-pression. Apparently, it was heard as such, and it did not matter whether the narrator was male or not.

In 1972, the author left Uruguay for Spain, where she lived in exile and continues to live today. She has written several works of fiction and poetry since the early '70s, but only rereleased *Evohe* in the latter part of 1994 when it was translated into English by Diana P. Decker and published in this country by Azul Editions.

This new version of the book has done away with the male narrator. Peri Rossi makes no mention of this change in her introduction but does more than mention her feelings about gender. "I believe that in describing passion's psychological mechanism, the question of gender is irrelevant. There are men who fall madly in love with women, women who fall madly in love with other women, cats who love their masters, not to mention those who are passionately obsessed with fishing, gambling, or even computers. ... What matters is that anywhere ... we may always hear a human voice crying out against the repression of desire: 'Evohe, evuhe.'" ▼



COMMUNITY NEWS

LAVA To Reach S.F. For Third Year in a Row

by Mary Ann Swissler

Some of the best and brightest of the lesbian world will be honored at the third annual Lesbians of Achievement Vision and Action Awards, or LAVA, on Saturday, March 25.

The evening's festivities will kick off with cocktails at 6 p.m. at the Grand Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Embarcadero Hotel. Dinner and the awards ceremony will begin at 7:30 p.m., with author and sexuality educator Jo Ann Loulan serving as the mistress of ceremonies. The salsa and Latin/jazz band Orquesta Azucar y Crema will provide music until 12:30 a.m.

Briefly, the 1995 LAVA award winners are:
 • Roberta Achtenberg, for political activism. The former San Francisco supervisor is, for those who do not know, the woman referred to as "that damn lesbian" by Jesse Helms during her U.S. Senate confirmation hearings to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Some say Achtenberg has done for lesbians in politics what

Melissa Etheridge has done for rock and roll.

• Maria Cora, for the arts. The all-lesbian Orquesta Azucar y Crema (Sugar and Cream Orchestra), for which Cora is lead vocalist, is the only musical group of its kind in the country. Cora is also a published poet, an educator, theater producer, and cultural activist.

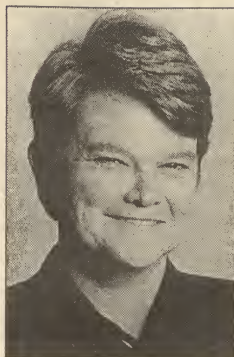
• Judy Dlugacz, for business and commerce. Co-founder and current president of Olivia Records, Dlugacz has nurtured and produced lesbian and feminist musical artists for 20 years. If that weren't enough, she opened up the world of lesbian travel over the high seas by launching Olivia Cruises 1990.

• Tracy Gary, for philanthropic activism. For 20 years, philanthropist Gary has been an effective organizer and activist in the community, donating her considerable energies to the Women's Foundation, the Women's Building, and the National Network of Women's Funds.

• Helen Vozenilek, for sports and athletics. She

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS



Assemblywoman Sheila Kuehl

Kuehl To Host Cable Cars at Fashion Center

California Assembly member Sheila Kuehl, the first openly lesbian member of the state legislature, will serve as MC for this year's Cable Car Awards and show next Saturday, March 11, the largest lesbian and gay awards presentation in the world. The Cable Car Awards begin at 8 p.m. at the San Francisco Fashion Center, located at Eighth and Townsend.

San Francisco residents may vote for public vote categories at the Fashion Center from 3 to 5 p.m. the day of the show, and those attending may vote from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. before the show.

Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$50, with standing room tickets at \$15.

For additional ticket information call Tony Finnerty at (415) 441-1045.

Health Support Service Groups At Marin Treatment Center

Marin County residents with HIV, their friends, families, and caregivers are invited to Marin Treatment Center's third series of Health Support Services

groups, to be held on ten Wednesday evenings from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. The first session was held February 22.

Each session will spotlight a complementary therapy used by people with HIV to enhance their lives. Topics will include acupuncture, massage, hypnotherapy, movement and exercise, dreamwork, nutrition, artistic expression, and more. A unique feature of this program is that group members will choose the topics for more than half of the series.

These groups are free of charge, and will include a nutritious meal. Assistance with transportation will be provided, if necessary.

Potential group members may pre-register by calling Donna or Joycelyn at Marin Treatment Center (415) 457-3755, or register at the door.

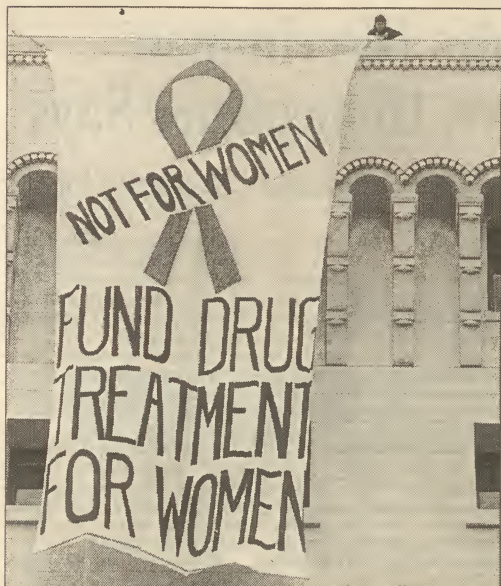
Anti-Abortion Protester Arrested Up North

A Redding, California man convicted of threatening a local abortion clinic has been arrested for turning up at the same healthcare center. Federal prosecutors say Ronald Max Walters, 51, violated his parole over the weekend by appearing at the Feminist Women's Health Center the night of Sunday, February 26. He had previously served six months in prison for mailing threatening letters to a doctor at the clinic.

Following his release from prison, Walters spent ten months in a Sacramento halfway house and was ordered to stay away from Redding. His parole required him to remain at least 250 feet away from the health center for three years.

Walters, a well-known demonstrator at the clinic, was convicted of sending an unsigned letter in 1993 to a doctor at the center that read: "Dear Dr. Bruce, Good Bye."

The letter also included a quote from the Bible: "Testify that he has cursed both God and the king. Then take him out and stone him to death." ▼

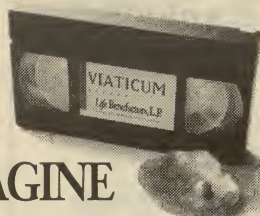


The Women's Action Coalition hung this sign Feb. 28 at the SF AIDS Office at 25 Van Ness Ave. to protest their "outrage over the current neglect of women drug users and proposed cuts in the few residential drug treatments for women" by that organization. Their press release accused AO head Mitchell Katz of murder.

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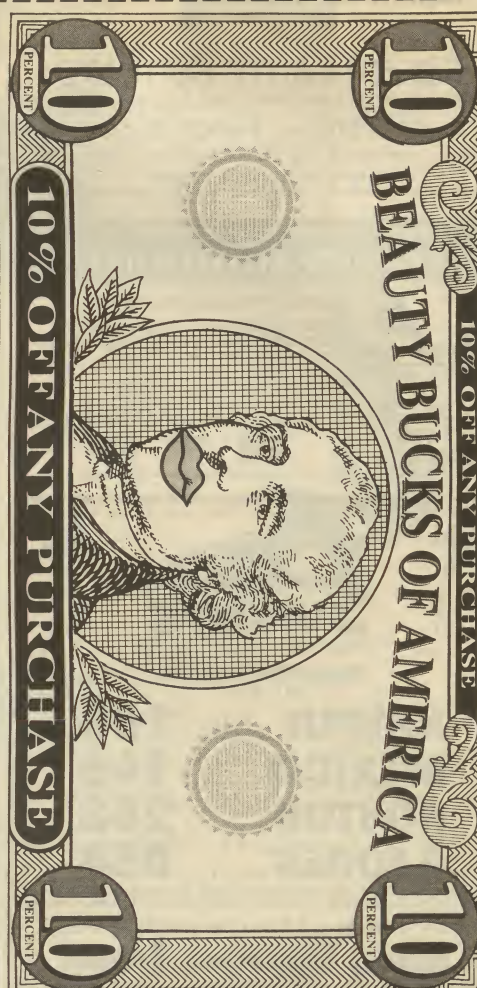
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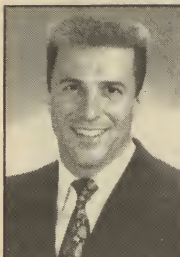
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Local Reaction to HOPWA, Ryan White Cuts

by Dennis Conkin

Bay Area AIDS experts have told the *Bay Area Reporter* that the House Appropriations subcommittee's recently suggested cuts in direct care and prevention funding [See story, "House Panel: Cut All HOPWA Funds"] would scuttle housing services for PWAs in San Francisco and could even force the closure of some local AIDS service organizations that rely on federal funds.

The proposed cuts — and the rescinding of housing funds already authorized — will have a major impact on all people with AIDS and HIV, they predicted, but will be disproportionately destructive to people of color and low income people with AIDS and HIV, including gay men.

"The rescinding of the housing funds would be devastating," Health Department AIDS Office Director Mitchell Katz, M.D., told the *B.A.R.* "We have more than 1,600 low income people with HIV infection who are on a waiting list for housing. Our only hope for providing a home for them is through the Housing Opportunities For People With AIDS program."

The end of HOPWA?

"It's the meat-ax approach," said John Kouba, president of the San Francisco Redevelopment Commission. "If the cuts are not reversed, in all likelihood, it is the end of HOPWA."

An estimated \$10 million in HOPWA funds administered by the Redevelopment Agency are used "to provide rental subsidies for people living with AIDS, as well as beds in housing programs," Kouba said.

Direct care services will suffer a great deal as well, the experts say.

"In terms of services, what's really going to be affected is how much San Francisco gets from the 'CARE' part of Title 1 [federal AIDS funding]," said Kerrington Osborne, public policy director of the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention. Services only recently prioritized for funding — such as case management services which link clients to services and providers — would likely be the first ones cut, Osborne said.

Prevention programs that specifically target women who are sex partners of injection drug users; men who have sex with other men for cash or other survival needs; and injection users who

use amphetamines are imperiled.

Such prevention service needs have been identified through the Prevention Community Training Planning Process launched last year by the CDC, Osborne said.

That process was the first time in a decade which "engaged people of color in a substantive fashion," said NTFAP's president H. Alexander Robinson. "To now see those efforts totally undermined by these kinds of recissions is short-sighted, to say the least," he said in a press statement.

The proposed cuts in prevention services are exactly half the funding increase AIDS lobbyists had secured for the 1995 fiscal year.

Blindsided by Riggs

San Francisco AIDS Foundation executive director Pat Christen said it was "deplorable and despicable" that Republican representatives were targeting people "whose very lives" depend on the funds.

Christen specifically blasted First California Congressional District Representative Frank Riggs, a Republican who represents Lake, Humboldt, Mendocino, Del Norte, Napa, and parts of Sonoma County, for supporting the cuts.

"I am very concerned that any member of the House from California would support cuts to people living with HIV and AIDS," she said. "It's particularly disappointing and galling that Frank Riggs supported these proposed cuts." His move is even more surprising since Petaluma, a city he represents, only recently became eligible for HOPWA funds to provide disaster services to people with AIDS and HIV who were affected by recent flooding.

The loss of prevention funds could spell the end for some AIDS service groups that depend heavily on federal funds for their programs to prevent HIV transmission. If shutting down the programs only increases the number of AIDS cases, as predicted, the end result will be the opposite of a savings, experts say.

"So many studies show that prevention services save money that in the long run it's foolhardy to cut prevention funds and thereby increase the number of people who will ultimately become infected with HIV," Katz told the *B.A.R.*

"It's morally wrong and economically unsound." ▼

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Republicans are "establishing a position from which to compromise" and realize the entire package of cuts will not be agreed to by the Senate nor signed by President Clinton. It is unclear how suc-

cessful AIDS lobbyists will be in this battle for resources.

"This is no time to retreat on AIDS," said Winnie Stachelberg, senior health policy advocate for the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF). "The federal government has a responsibility to help states and cities address this national health crisis." ▼

Housing Rules Discriminate Against Gays, Homeowner Says

Migden Introduces New Legislation, Requests Input

by Dennis Conkin

The tradition of collective households is long-established in San Francisco's gay and lesbian community, but some gay homeowners are saying new laws have put that tradition in jeopardy.

One such gay homeowner, Bill Trumbo, says that his historic Queen Anne house on Church Street in Noe Valley has become unfairly subject to local rent control laws — and it's time for the lesbian and gay supervisors to do something about it.

Trumbo says that Proposition I, which was passed by voters in November, also prevents him from living collectively with others in his huge house, because it makes him a landlord. Once the people who rented rooms for him were roommates — an informal arrangement — but now they are legal tenants, with all the addi-

tional legal regulations that implies.

The measure's passage repealed protections for homeowners who rented fewer than four rooms, and protects tenants by prohibiting evictions except in certain instances — such as for non-payment of rent, illegal activities on the premises, or creating a nuisance, as defined by rent control regulations.

Even there, Trumbo says, the proposition is unfairly discriminatory, since it doesn't afford gay and lesbian domestic partnerships the same flexibility and options it gives to traditionally married heterosexuals.

"One such circumstance [when it's possible to make a roommate move] is when the landlord, or certain relatives of the landlord, intends to move into the tenant's room or apartment. The relatives that qualify are the

landlord's spouse, children, parents, grandparents, grandchildren, brother, sister, or the spouse of any of these," said Assistant City Attorney James Cumming in a letter to Trumbo.

"Though frustrating for landlords that are members of non-traditional families, the ordinance is legal as written," Cumming said.

A proposal by Supervisor Carole Migden to amend the legislation to include domestic partners will be heard at the board's housing and land use committee on Thursday, March 9.

Migden told the *Bay Area Reporter* that her office was initially alerted to the exclusion of domestic partners from the legislation by a letter from Trumbo.

But Trumbo says that even if that part of the amendment is changed, the issue of alternative

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COMMUNITY NEWS



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Not So Pretty 'Poison'

Former travel agent Steve Raymond, who was imprisoned in Thailand for running a boy sex ring in connection with a Mormon orphanage there (and was eventually cleared in Thailand and the U.S. of all charges), recently recounted his experiences, detailed in his new book, *The Poison River*, to an audience at the Hotel Renoir in San Francisco.

E. Bay AIDS Activists To Picket, Light Candles This Week

by Mary Ann Swissler

Concerned citizens will call for better AIDS housing and an end to prosecution of needle exchange volunteers during two separate protests in the East Bay this week.

On Thursday, March 2, the Berkeley Housing Advisory Board will vote on its funding recommendations for a six-person home for PWAs, which has been hit yet again with neighborhood opposition. From 7 to 7:30 p.m. before the meeting, a candlelight vigil will be held outside the South Berkeley Senior Center on the corner of Ashby and Ellis, near the Ashby BART station.

At noon on Monday, March 6, ACT UP East Bay will picket the County Municipal Court, where five Alameda County Exchange (ACE) volunteers went on trial Monday, February 27, charged with nine counts of distributing clean hypodermic needles without a permit last year. The courthouse is located at 661 Washington Street in Oakland, near the Oakland Police Department on Broadway. Groups endorsing this picket include the African-American Lesbian & Gay Alliance, GLOBE, and East Bay Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club.

Despite growing calls for reevaluating the county policy, Oakland police cited three ACE

volunteers on Tuesday, February 14 in the Fruitvale district of Oakland.

Activists urge participation by those who believe people with AIDS deserve adequate housing. Letters may be sent to the Housing Advisory Board at 2180 Milvia, 2nd floor, Berkeley, CA 94704. Calls to demand an end to the spread of AIDS and an end to unfair prosecutions may be directed to Alameda County District Attorney Thomas Orloff at (510) 272-6222. ▼

■ For more information contact ACT UP East Bay at (510) 568-1680.

Judge Blocks Needle Exchange

United Press International

SACRAMENTO — Sacramento County's attempt to create a legal needle exchange program to combat the spread of AIDS was blocked Friday, February 24 by the courts.

Superior Court Judge James Ford said it violated state law banning such swaps.

The County Board of Supervisors approved the concept in November as a way to fight the spread of HIV among intravenous drug users. Several studies have shown that such programs have cut the rate of HIV infection among intravenous drug users, and attorneys for the county argued that health and police officials had the ability to use emergency powers to approve a needle exchange.

Needle exchanges are illegal under state law, however, and Governor Pete Wilson has vetoed three separate bills that would have allowed such programs to move forward, saying they undermine anti-drug messages and could actually encourage drug use.

In the absence of formal state approval, Ford threw out the program and said the county could not proceed with the plan.

The county has not decided whether to appeal the ruling. ▼

COMMUNITY NEWS

Arlo Appoints Don Sloan To City Ethics Commission

by Kent Brandley

San Francisco District Attorney Arlo Smith has appointed Donald E. Sloan to the five member City Ethics Commission.

Sloan, 46, an attorney and partner with Gibson Dunn and Crutcher of San Francisco, is an openly gay man who has long been active in gay and lesbian community affairs.

Sloan was chairman of the board of directors of The Bay Area Non-Partisan Alliance, California's largest gay/lesbian political action committee, from 1992-1994. He has served on the Alliance board since 1991.

Sloan also served two terms on the board of directors of the

Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE Lobby), California's statewide AIDS and civil rights lobbying group, and was state chair 1987-1988.

A resident of the Bay Area for about 12 years, Sloan was born in Oklahoma, raised in Kansas, and received his law degree from Yale Law School.

Smith told the B.A.R. that Sloan's background in terms of experience and community involvement, as well as his legal expertise, make him well qualified for the post. The district attorney appoints one member to the five member panel. Others are named by the mayor, the city attorney, the controller and the board of supervisors, Smith explained.

Sloan has also been an active board member of the Mobilization Against AIDS, Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee (BAYMEC), and the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

He has extensive political campaign and fundraising experience, was instrumental in the defeat of the Dannemeyer AIDS initiative, and was actively opposed to the LaRouche AIDS initiative. He was a founding donor of San Francisco's New Main Library Campaign, which raised \$1.6 million for gay/lesbian archives.

Sloan, who specializes in business litigation, has been a member of the California Bar since 1976 and is a member of the U. S. Supreme Court bar. ▼

Asian AIDS Project To Select Gay Supermodel of the World '95

by Kent Brandley

Twenty-five glamorous gay supermodels — in luxurious drag — will compete for the title of Gay Supermodel of the World '95 this Saturday night, March 4, in an effervescent event sponsored by the Asian AIDS Project.

Competition gets underway at 7:30 p.m. at the Palace of Fine Arts, located at 3301 Lyon Street in the city.

Billboard top 100 singer Jocelyn Enriquez will perform at the benefit pageant. At 20, Enriquez is already a veteran to the music industry. Her latest release, "Big Love," is following the success of her past singles.

Comedian Danny Williams and longtime AIDS activist Jane Po will emcee the gala. Leila, star of *Miss Saigon*, will lead special guests. A gay cap-pella group, "The Dream," will be featured.

All proceeds will go directly to Asian AIDS Project, said Chisa Uyeki, special events and volunteer coordinator for the community-based organization that provides the Asian and Pacific Island populations of the Bay Area with culturally and linguistically-sensitive HIV/AIDS services.

The event will raise awareness and visibility of both HIV/AIDS issues and the transgendered communities that will be participating and represented in the pageant, and will rally community support,

Uyeki told the *Bay Area Reporter*.

Requirements for competition require that candidates be at least 18 and male, but all will wear glamorous women's attire emulating mainstream female high fashion supermodels. "The whole thing's in drag," Uyeki said.

Contestants will be judged on the same thing the women models are judged on, but with an added factor — realism.

Contestants will appear in casual wear, intimate apparel (lingerie), and evening gowns. Out of a field of 25, ten finalists will be selected and they will be given a question and answer interview, Uyeki said.

A special tribute to the late fashion designer Soni Garde will feature six of the past Supermodel winners wearing his designs. Garde died here December 3, 1994 of AIDS.

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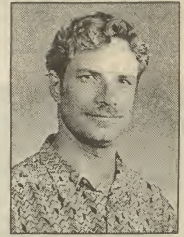
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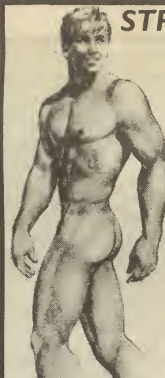
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AIDS Cut-A-Thon Announced

by Kent Brandley

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Beneficiaries of this year's cut-a-thon are The Center for AIDS Services, Oakland; AIDS Project of Contra Costa County; and Maitri AIDS Hospice of San Francisco.

Ten Supercuts locations will donate \$2 from every haircut given in their shops during the two day cut-a-thon. Over 60 other participating salons will donate 100 percent of their revenue. ▼

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VIOLENCE IN THE COMMUNITY: AN UPDATE

Report: Anti-Gay Attacks Are Getting More Vicious

by Pete Hodgdon

San Francisco-based Community United Against Violence will release a report examining trends in hate crimes against the queer community, together with other anti-violence projects across the country, in hopes the report will raise awareness about the high level of violence against the gay community.

"Queers know there is violence," said CUAV's Leslie Addison. "The outside doesn't know that. They think that the violence doesn't exist."

The report can also benefit members of the gay community, Addison said, by serving as a wake-up call and forcing people to ask, "How do we stay safe?"

In the meantime, before the report is released, CUAV says that reports of anti-gay hate crimes have nearly doubled in San Francisco in recent months. The agency usually receives 20-35 reports every month, but in the wake of several highly publicized bashings the number of reports jumped to nearly 50.

"This may be more an increase in reporting than an increase in crime," said Addison, explaining that high profile gay bashings increase both awareness and reporting.

But even if the number of crimes is not growing, individual attacks are getting more vicious. "Between 1992 and 1993 we noticed an increased level of violence in anti-gay attacks," said Addison. "The city is getting more violent."

The examples of the increased violence abound: verbal harassment seems more likely to escalate into physical confrontation now, and physical confrontation is more likely to become life threatening. In December, gay men Kurt Schroeder and Jerry Bezaire were in the parking garage at Pier 39 when three teenagers began to harass them, demanding to know "Why are you arm in arm?" The couple was comparatively lucky: one teen shoved Bezaire as the men got in their car, then kicked the car, and the other two spat on it.

The outcome was much worse for a San Francisco gay man who was nearly killed in a strikingly similar case only weeks before. In late October, Victor Rohana and Stephen Damron were walking up Market Street when they, too, were harassed for holding hands. Those two unknown assailants drove their Suzuki Samurai onto the sidewalk at

Waller Street and pinned Rohana to a wall before shooting him at near point-blank range. [See sidebar, "Are People Getting Away with Murder in San Francisco?"]

"We're [all] potential victims," Addison said, and it's not just the streets of San Francisco that are getting meaner. A report released in December by CUAV detailed three years of grisly anti-gay murders across America, and concluded that nearly 60 percent of gay victims

suffer extremely violent deaths, or "overkill."

"Rather than just a bullet to the head, homophobic murderers have a predilection for slicing the bodies into pieces or torturing the victim before death," said CUAV's executive director Lester Olmstead-Rose when the report was released. ▼

■ If you are the victim of a hate crime, contact CUAV at (415) 333-HELP.

Supes Turn Up The Heat On the Tony Ray Murder

by Kent Brandley

San Francisco supervisors re-focused attention on the Tony Ray murder case — almost a year old now — at a Tuesday, February 28 hearing before the Health, Public Safety, and Environment Committee chaired by Supervisor Angela Alioto.

Ray, 26, was shot in front of the Star Dust Cafe on the afternoon of March 24, 1994.

Supervisor Carole Migden, who called for the hearing, politely but firmly demanded answers on progress in solving the case. She was joined by Alioto and Supervisor Susan Leal. Supervisor Tom Ammiano sat in on the meeting but said nothing.

Lieutenant Gary Pisciotto, in charge of the city's homicide detail, answered questions on the case. He and Gary Johnson, head of "Friends of Tony Ray," were in open disagreement on the whereabouts of the prime suspect in the case.

Pisciotto, who began by saying he was just as concerned as the supervisors, stressed, "We have to be very careful about what information we give out." Pisciotto said that there were more than 15 eyewitnesses. "Actually, we interviewed about 60 people," he indicated.

Pisciotto told supervisors there were "no indications this is an anti-gay killing."

He said a young man who was the original suspect "is to this day the [main] suspect in this case. We have police looking for him in other locations ... We believe currently that he is not in the area."

But Johnson, who had his arm in a sling as a result of a recent gay bashing incident in the Marina, insisted that the primary suspect is in the city and that his presence there "is common knowledge."

"We know who the primary suspect is," Johnson asserted. "We have told police repeatedly where he is." Johnson continued by saying that the suspect had traveled between the city and

South Dakota, but that he could be found almost any night at the corner of "Hemlock and Polk, selling crystal methamphetamine."

"Who is protecting this guy?" Johnson demanded.

Johnson said that the primary suspect had twice voluntarily gone in for questioning, but when he was asked to take a polygraph test he failed to appear. "We still find ourselves asking, almost a year later, why the suspect has not been arrested or brought in for a polygraph test."

After Johnson's somewhat startling statements, Migden asked for Pisciotto to return for more questions. "Is it an active investigation? Is it moving forward?" she asked.

"We know who it is," Pisciotto answered. "It is an extremely active investigation." Pisciotto said he had "three other seasoned inspectors" now working on the case with Inspector Brad Nicholson, who inherited the case when two other inspectors retired.

Migden suggested Pisciotto find a way "to work directly with Mr. Johnson on this," after it became apparent they both agree on who the suspect is.

"We have not at this point come up with an arrest warrant. Witnesses have not positively identified this person," Pisciotto told the supervisors. "He has been the only suspect for an entire year. At this point there is no other suspect."

Migden displayed some annoyance when she asked, "We can't nab him in a year? What can the public therefore expect?"

"If I had a crystal ball, I'd be able to tell you," Pisciotto said. "My concern is that we solve all of our cases."

Alioto and other supervisors said they were "absolutely outraged" that Ray's ashes had been sent to his mother by mail or FedEx in an envelope — before she had been notified of his death. "That must be changed," Alioto demanded. ▼



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Four Acts of Violence Against Gay Men and No Arrests - Are People Getting Away with Murder in San Francisco?

Victim: Tony Ray, 26

Assault:
Shot on Polk Street at 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 24, 1994.
Condition: Dead.
Assailant:
Unknown, still at large.
Witnesses:
Numerous eyewitnesses.
Disposition: \$10,000 reward for information leading to arrest of assailant.
No composite drawing of assailant released by police.
Investigation was subject of a hearing before the board of supervisors Tuesday, Feb. 28.
Arrests: None.

Victim: Tommy Wenger, 25

Assault:
Battered, strangled, stabbed 11 times on March 28, 1994.
Condition:
Dead; his dismembered body was found in a dumpster near O'Farrell and Polk.
Assailant(s):
Unknown, still at large.
Witnesses:
New credible witnesses have apparently now come forward.
Disposition:
\$10,000 reward for information leading to arrest of assailant.
Police have released a composite drawing of man seen arguing with the victim hours before his death. [See story, *Witnesses Shed New Light on Wenger Slaying Suspect.*]
Arrests: None.

Victim: Mario Mondelli, 38

Assault:
Repeatedly hacked in the back with a camping ax in his Ivy Street apartment July 25, 1994.
Condition: Survived, now released from hospital.
Assailant:
Dr. Dean Freeman, described by police as Mondelli's doctor and lover, still at large.
Witnesses: Mondelli and Freeman, who displayed a cut on his left wrist and said he acted in self-defense.
Disposition: Possible charges against Freeman still pending in San Francisco District Attorney's office. Freeman has reportedly moved to Southern California.
Mondelli's family has hired the Melvin Belli law firm to represent his interests in pending litigation.
Arrests: None.

Victim: Victor Rohana, 24

Assault:
Shot and critically wounded on Waller Street on Friday, October 28, 1994 at about 10 p.m.
Condition: Survived.
Released from hospital after major surgeries including the removal of his spleen.
Assailants:
Two unidentified white men driving a white Suzuki Samurai, still at large.
Witnesses:
Rohana, his friend, and homeless residents of the area.
Disposition: \$20,000 reward for information leading to arrest.
America's Most Wanted has taken up the case and filmed a reenactment on Friday, February 24 for a future television broadcast.
Arrests: None. ▼

- Kent Brandley

Witnesses Shed New Light On Wenger Slaying Suspect

Last Seen With Companion in Taurus Station Wagon

by Kent Brandley

There may have been a break in the Tom Wenger dismemberment murder case, Homicide Inspector Mike Johnson told the *Bay Area Reporter* late last week, nearly 11 months after parts of Wenger's body were discovered in the Polk Gulch area.

According to Johnson, two witnesses who were previously reluctant to come forward have confirmed information gleaned earlier by investigators. Both have identified a suspect independently of each other.

Police circulated composites of two possible suspects last year, one with and one without a mustache, but now say they are concentrating on locating the suspect with the mustache.

One witness claims to have seen that suspect arguing with the 25-year-old Wenger in front of the QT bar on Polk Street the night before he was murdered. The person in question - observed by a witness the police term "credible" - was described as a white male about 36 years old, driving a blue or

gray Ford Taurus station wagon. Police say the argument was over money Wenger owed the man.

A separate witness told police of seeing a man who matched the same description - well-groomed and clean in appearance, wearing a white shirt and tie and driving a Ford Taurus Station wagon of similar color - dumping garbage bags in a dumpster in Myrtle Alley, behind Twin Towers, in the vicinity of O'Farrell and Polk streets.

The witness also observed that a companion was seated in the Taurus wagon when the bags were placed in the dumpster, who averted his eyes when he was watched. The passenger was a 34-year-old white male about 5'10" tall.

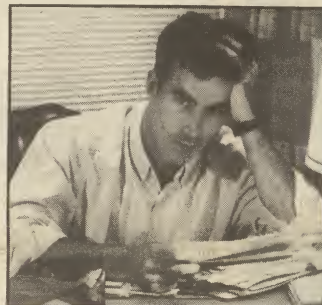
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Composite of suspect in Tom Wenger's Murder

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National Black Gay Summit Convenes In L.A.

by Karen Ocamb

A number of changes were evident at the 8th Annual National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership gathering February 17-19 in Los Angeles. Some were structural — this year's conference was three days instead of four, and the former "Institutes" were replaced by symposiums — and some were cosmetic — the word "conference" was replaced by "summit," for instance.

Some changes were more ominous: the turnout was comparatively tiny, with only 350 in attendance. Part of the reason, several black lesbian and gay leaders said, is the growing belief that California is a racist state. They had argued that the sponsoring Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum should follow the lead of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalist Association, which canceled its convention in Beverly Hills after

the passage of Prop. 187. Why, they asked, should black lesbians and gays from around the country spend money in a state that intends to call for the end of affirmative action with a "Civil Rights Initiative" headed for next year's ballot? The conflict over the location — and lateness in getting the promotional materials out — may account for the small turnout.

To be fair to organizers, the sudden voter swing to the right in November had given the Forum little time to change locations and other plans before the regular Black History Month conclave. And behind the scenes, the Forum was already having difficulty finding national leaders who wanted to conduct workshops.

Which was, frankly, the other thing noticeably changed as one walked around the Los Angeles Airport Hilton Hotel and Towers. Many — too many — of those who have been so impor-



Smile please: (left to right) SF model Leyla Farah, Spellman student Antonia Randolph, Sabrina Sojourner and Spellman student Wendi O'Neal.

Photo: Karen Ocamb

tant and inspirational and funny in past conferences were missing. Like Marlon Riggs, whose short, tight body had draped over a couch in the airy lobby in years past, admiring brothers laughing at his latest insight; Brandy Moore, who listened politely, then, like a practiced politician, steered the speaker toward the correct point of view; and tall, thin, elegant Reggie Williams, who elevated listening to a compassionate art, who patiently and simply explained the most complicated issues as if to a younger sister.

Riggs and Moore and too many other conference regulars

are dead, and Williams, 42, now lies dying in self-imposed exile in Amsterdam because the U.S. ban on HIV immigration and visitation forced him to choose between his German lover Wolfgang and his San Francisco home.

They were missed, these brilliant, sometimes outrageous black gay men who cared so much for their gay tribe and their heritage.

"Last year I did four eulogies, and I'm off to see Reggie in Amsterdam," said Forum co-founder Phill Wilson, 38, a longtime HIV/AIDS survivor who often seems like the main pole holding up the national black lesbian and gay big tent. "My body's fine, but I'm worried about my spirit. I'm in this for the long haul — and it's already been a long haul, and there's no end in sight."

Wilson was invited by the family of Martin Luther King Jr. to be a Grand Marshal in the King Day parade in Atlanta last January. But he feels he is more likely carrying the baton of Bayard Rustin than King, though the famous civil rights minister is an influence.

"It's really bizarre to me that this country of all countries would get to a place to debate over immigration. What is illegal immigration? ... It's anyone who comes after I did," he said in an interview. As for affirmative action, he noted that it was never designed for preferential treatment and he is "appalled" that lesbians and gays are falling into accepting the same rhetoric of "special rights" with which the radical right has characterized the gay and lesbian movement. "Statistically there is an ever-widening gap between the haves and the have-nots, and preferential treatment isn't happening. We're not creating a level playing field. We don't have a color-blind society. We're no closer now than we were 20 years ago, and some suggest we're farther away."

Wilson said he has received hate mail from gay people angry with his stance against Prop 187, which would ban any state aid to illegal immigrants. As Public Policy director for AIDS Project Los Angeles, Wilson contends the measure, which is currently tied up in court, would increase the spread of HIV by frightening people away from health services.

"We're in an environment where it's okay to hate. In fact

it's desirable to hate. People are being rewarded for advocating and practicing hate," he said. In this climate AIDS activists are "all struggling to keep AIDS on the front burner. We're doing everything we possibly can to do that."

"Politically there is a new day, that's a truth. Good, bad, indifferent, changes have happened that have fundamentally changed the work gays and lesbians and progressive people have to do. My tribe of folks, my community will continue to work for a progressive agenda."

"What we have to do is figure out how to develop a message that reasons with people in power."

Asked about why he thinks young gay men are not heeding safer sex messages and are still getting infected, Wilson paused reflectively. "In a world where you have no hope, why would you want to spend more time in it?" At that moment an earthquake shook the hotel.

"I still have work"

Even with so many negative factors out there, he said, of course he has hope. He waved off the suggestion he might be surrendering to despair with the words, "I still have work to do."

So do the lesbians who were mega-mentors at the Summit. Mandy Carter, Vallerie Waggoner, Sabrina Sojourner, Deborah Johnson-Rolan, Pat Hussein, among other national black lesbian leaders, took extra time to teach and be available to first time attendees.

"This Summit has given us a clearer understanding of the bridges we walk and the bridges we are," said Sojourner. "The people here are very excited and I believe they will carry out their commitment to take this back to their community. Can you imagine what can happen when just one person reports back to their organization and they share that with others; if one person gets ten more involved in voter registration? Can you imagine what a difference we can make in 1996?"

As Sojourner closed the Summit with a moving ritual circle, James Knox of Detroit spoke up. He has full blown AIDS — and has had no T-cells for three years. A first-time conference-goer, he thanked the black, Latino, and white lesbians and gays who held hands and listened to him. "I will remember this," he promised, "for the rest of my life." ▼

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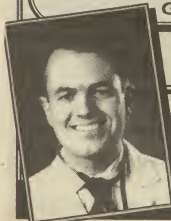
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Panel Provides Ammo for Domestic Partnership Battles

by Kent Brandley

A panel of three national experts on domestic partner benefits appeared in the city last Thursday, February 23 to call attention to the growing number of progressive U.S. companies extending insurance benefits to same-sex domestic partners.

Some of the major U.S. companies that currently offer domestic partner benefits to partners of gay and lesbian employees include AT&T, Silicon Graphics, Oracle Systems, MCA, Microsoft, Lotus, Viacom, and Time-Warner's Home Box Office. Other progressive companies like Levi Strauss, Apple Computers, and Federal National Mortgage Association have extended coverage to all unmarried employees, according to the panelists.

The seminar, held at the home of Dionex Corporation Vice President and Director of Human Resources Brian Webb, was sponsored by the Men's Associated Exchange (MAX), a Bay Area gay men's organization with nearly 800 members. The panel was designed to provide MAX members with the information, materials, and resources necessary to approach their employers about providing employee benefits for their domestic partners. MAXForum event coordinator Rick Sneed told the B.A.R.

The seminar was limited to 30 people, in order to give each person an opportunity to talk with panelists Webb, Antonio Casabat, vice president of Sedgwick Nobel Lowndes; and Kate Kendell, legal director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights, one of nation's more active organizations working to encourage employers to offer equal benefits to all employees.

Casabat is recognized as a pioneer in fully-insured domestic partner medical benefit plans, and has helped several local companies institute domestic partner benefits, including SuperMac, Inc. (recently acquired by Radius), Children's Hospital of Oakland, and the Berkeley-based



Photo: Phil Migliarese Jr.

From left to right, Antonio Casabat, Brian Webb and Kate Kendall speak to a group about the financial concerns of domestic partners.

telecommunications company TCSI. Webb is currently implementing domestic partner benefits at Dionex Corporation; he provided management's perspective on the issue and outlined a strategy for successfully selling the benefits of the benefits to senior management.

Many Bay Area employers don't offer domestic partner benefits because they have never been asked, panelists said. But all the signs seem to indicate more local companies would be willing to adapt their insurance plans to include domestic partners. "We have come so far," Webb said. "Five years ago no one would discuss it. We're making great progress. Don't give up. Don't take no for an answer."

The various arguments

Kendell opened the extemporaneous panel discussion by quickly elucidating various arguments in favor of domestic partner benefits. Politically, they offer a stepping stone to legal recognition of committed lesbian and gay relationships, she said, as they advise the larger community that we can make and keep those relationships despite the stereotype of all gay people being uncontrollably promiscuous.

From the worker's perspective, it is only fair to ask for equal pay for equal work, and

when straight employees get spousal benefits that gay employees do not, there is an immediate disparity of \$15,000. Finally, from an employer's standpoint, it is good business to provide incentives that keep talented employees: it demonstrates progressiveness on the part of the firm and makes for happy, stable, healthy employees with more productivity, which provides a competitive edge to firms searching for top talent.

Most employers are initially concerned about the cost of providing domestic partnership benefits, Kendell said. However, she said, actual costs are not that significant. "You can really beat the cost argument," she insisted.

Other panelists agreed the costs of possible AIDS care issues would be in keeping with actuarial tables, since they would be offset by the absence of potentially costly risks like premature births - or any kind of birth. "Every time I see a pregnancy, I see \$10,000," said Webb.

One place where "the cost argument" was successfully refuted is the city of San Francisco. After the board of supervisors passed the city's first domestic partner measure, then-Mayor Dianne Feinstein "bought the cost argument," according to Webb, and vetoed the measure. Eventually the measure was revived and took effect on Valentine's Day, 1991. By then Berkeley had already become the first municipality in the country to provide employment-related benefits to the domestic partners of city employees, in December, 1984.

The down sides

More than 500 companies in seven or eight states are on the domestic partner benefit bandwagon now, and it's "a growing trend," Kendell said. Even so, there are kinks and bugs to be gotten rid of. In particular, panelists were emphatic about the need to reform tax laws to protect domestic partner benefits.

Panelists also agreed that the issue of coming out is thorny, since some employees don't want to reveal their relationships, and hence their sexuality, for fear of reprisal. An equal

opportunity policy that protects gays and lesbians in the workplace is fundamental, said Webb. "Nothing will happen until that is established."

Another topic of discussion was the possibility of palimony suits, and property divisions when relationships do go sour.

Future MAXForum topics include "Buying a Home," "Reconciling Being Gay with Religion," and "Cyber Space: Everything You Need to Know About Going Online." ▼

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STALEMATE IN OMAHA

Kendell Discusses Battle With Nebraska Bible Belters

by Kent Brandley

Crisp and sharp and full of spark, Kate Kendell, legal director for the National Center for Lesbian Rights, told a roomful of mostly gay men last Thursday that she was "fresh from Nebraska" and was very glad to be back home in San Francisco - an island of sanity in a sea of national madness.

Kendell had just returned from Omaha, where she said the people were "so polite," but also apparently so out of tune with the times.

She said her meeting with officials of the Nebraska Department of Social Services, to discuss the department's administrative interim decision not to allow lesbian and gay couples to be considered as foster parents, "was not a successful effort." In fact, she told her listeners, "We may be in litigation soon."

Later, in an interview with the *Bay Area Reporter*, Kendell said what was very clear is that "the great majority of Nebraska Department of Social Services officials believe the policy is indefensible and not in the best interests of Nebraska children." However, said Kendell, "The director, Mary Dean Harvey, is committed to perpetuating her prejudice that gay and lesbian foster placements do not represent the 'normal' family situation."

"The other thing I was struck with," she said, "was the commitment and intelligence of gay and lesbian activists in Nebraska, who are dedicated to fighting the battle of preventing the policy from becoming permanent." ▼

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COMMUNITY NEWS



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Where there's smoke: Hemp boosters Dennis Peron and Brownie Mary share the podium at the Day of Music and Laughter in Brownie Mary's honor.

Medical Marijuana Initiative Coming in '96

Register for Mary Jane, Say Backers, and Vote for Bill

by Kent Brandley

Activists are now working to put an initiative on the 1996 California ballot that would legalize the medicinal use, possession, and cultivation of marijuana by people with AIDS and other diseases with a physician's prescription.

The 1996 California Compassionate Use Initiative, sponsored by the San Francisco-based Californians for Compassionate Use (CCU), is intended to break the long-standing political impasse that has kept it illegal for patients to use marijuana for medical purposes. Although the ballot measure would not overturn the federal ban on marijuana, it would afford California patients a legal supply of cannabis by allowing them to grow their own. In addition, supporters say, it will send a powerful message to Washington, where politicians have been afraid to deal with the matter.

And, say organizers, if enough young people who are tired of the government's hypocrisy on the medical marijuana issue are registered — and vote — it could assure the Democrats of victory in California in 1996.

They may be overly optimistic, but both California NORML (National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws) and CCU say they aren't just blowing smoke. They really believe the medicinal marijuana issue could be that important, and are organizing for major voter registration and other efforts in the upcoming battle.

Initiative sponsors are court- ing support from senior citizens, AIDS groups, and healthcare professionals, among others. So far they say they have the support of a growing list of influential supporters, activists, and experienced political professionals, including the Drug Policy Foundation, which awarded a startup grant to the

ballot access campaign; drug reform advocate Ethan Nadelmann, president of the Lindesmith Center of the Open Society Institute; medical marijuana expert Dr. Lester Grinspoon, chairman of the board of NORML; San Francisco AIDS activist Cleve Jones; and veteran San Francisco political consultant Jack Davis.

March rally in Santa Cruz

California NORML will host CCI volunteers for statewide organizational meetings Saturday, March 18 and Sunday, March 19 at the Loudon Nelson Center, located at Laurel and Cedar streets in Santa Cruz. The "Organizing for Medical Marijuana" meetings will establish a plan to build a fire under California voters, who have previously shown a propensity to favor medical marijuana. [See sidebar.]

In August, sponsors will launch a petition drive to collect the necessary 420,000 valid signatures; they will try for a total of 650,000 signatures, they say, to be on the safe side. The effort is expected to cost about \$500,000.

About a third of the funds believed necessary for success have already been raised, according to recent information provided by California NORML coordinator Dale Gieringer and San Francisco medical marijuana activist Dennis Peron.

But getting names on petitions isn't enough, so sponsors intend to get names on voter registration cards as well.

In an interview with the *Bay Area Reporter* last week, Peron predicted initiative backers "will register a half a million young people to vote in this election in 1996."

"I believe we are going to [increase] voter turnout by five or six percent," Peron said, "which is going to help the

HISTORY

These California Boards of Supervisors and City Councils have all supported the legitimate medical use of marijuana:

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In 1981, the bill HR 4498 was introduced into the U.S. House of Representatives "to provide for the therapeutic use of marijuana in situations involving life-threatening or sense-threatening illnesses and to provide adequate supplies of marijuana for such use." One of the four sponsors was Newt Gingrich. It was supported by such diverse California representatives as Ron Dellums, the Democrat from Oakland, and William Dannemeyer, the former Republican from Orange County.

In 1993, the California Assembly and Senate passed SB 1364, written by Senator Milton Marks, a Democrat from San Francisco, which would have treated marijuana as a Schedule Two prescription drug. Governor Pete Wilson, a Republican, vetoed it. ▼

— Kent Brandley

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Cal School Boards Call for Aggressive AIDS Education

by Pete Hodgdon

California's school children are at risk, according to a recent report, and only an aggressive campaign to educate students will help slow the spread of HIV.

The report by the California School Board Association (CSBA), "Saving Lives: AIDS Issues for California Schools," records only 170 cases of HIV/AIDS among 13-19-year olds in California.

But while California's kids spend nearly twice as many hours learning about AIDS as kids in other states, they may not be getting the message. CSBA reports that fewer than half of sexually active high school seniors use condoms.

"Saving Lives" outlines the role school boards can play in setting an agenda that includes effective AIDS education.

"AIDS prevention is about education, first and foremost," CSBA says in a statement. "As the only locally elected officials chosen solely to represent the interests of children, school board members have a profound responsibility to speak out."

California law mandates AIDS education for students in junior high and high school, and the average students spend nearly 40 hours of class time on AIDS education from kindergarten to 12th grade. Those classes must include information about the nature of AIDS, how it is spread, and how to reduce risk.

But the obstacles facing school boards in implementing a curriculum are overwhelming, including inadequate funding, insuffi-

cient time, and a belief by parents and staff that "homosexual lifestyles are objectionable."

According to CSBA, effective AIDS education programs include three components: motivation, skills, and functional knowledge.

Any curriculum adopted by a school board "must make students recognize they are vulnerable" and motivate them to change their behavior. Skill building exercises should teach students how to negotiate instances when they may be tempted to engage in high risk behavior; these situations take "genuine finesse," says CSBA.

Finally, functional knowledge teaches students which behaviors put them at risk. According to CSBA, curricula that zeroed in on functional knowledge and reducing high risk behavior were more successful than those that were skill based.

"Curricula that failed to change behavior ... did not concentrate on specific behavior, and used a general decision-making approach without presenting a clear stand on behavioral issues," said the report.

In order to talk productively about behavior, teachers must be blunt, and school boards should ensure that teachers are chosen who have "enthusiasm for and comfort with the assignment. Such education is more likely to be effective if provided by people who volunteer to do it.

"Consequently, many school districts exempt teachers who object to the necessarily frank and sensitive content of HIV/AIDS education." ▼

Marijuana

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Democrats win California." He called the effort "one of the most decisive battles in the war on drugs in this century - since prohibition."

The final wording of the initiative has not yet been settled, but Peron said its basic thrust will be to legalize the use, possession, and cultivation of marijuana by patients who have been given a physician's recommendation. By allowing patients to grow their own, it would effectively insure legalized medical access to marijuana in California; although federal law also forbids personal cultivation, in practice, such cases are almost always prosecuted at the state level.

"This issue is about com-

passion," says Peron, whose former lover died of AIDS-related wasting syndrome after police confiscated his pot. "We believe Californians will respond with their hearts.

"This is about who we are as a people, whether we are going to let the people suffer, or whether we are going to put our politics aside in order to help people."

Peron said the new initiative is necessary to break a longstanding political impasse that has kept it illegal for patients to use marijuana for medical purposes. Last summer, the Clinton administration reaffirmed the previous administration's ban on medical marijuana and has subsequently resisted even supplying marijuana for medical research. ▼

L.A. Plans Gay Youth Center

by Karen Ocamb

Los Angeles has long been a magnet for runaway and throwaway gay and lesbian youth. Some arrive in search of stardom, while others only hope for a life that is safer than the homelife they have fled; whatever their reasons, an enormous percentage ends up on the streets. A recent report issued by the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center (LAGLCS) estimates 30 to 50 percent of the approximately 10,000-20,000 youth now living on the streets of Los Angeles identify themselves as gay. And among the malevolent forces they can expect to find there are survival sex, alcoholism, drugs, AIDS, hate crimes, and homicide.

Despite the desperation of homeless lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth, and despite a 1992 Department of Health Services study that shows that gay and lesbian youth commit 30 percent of all suicides in America, their special needs are frequently overlooked by a gay community weary of fighting AIDS and the radical right.

The LAGLCS, however, has stepped in to fill some of those needs. On Sunday, February 12 board members Cecilia Aguilera and Jeff Glassman, and the family of Big Brothers of Greater Los Angeles President Steven Soberoff, hosted a fundraiser at Soberoff's Pacific Palisades mansion where \$60,000 was raised for a new lesbian and gay youth Drop In Center.

The new facility, to be located on Santa Monica Boulevard in Hollywood in the area where many of the homeless youths hang out, will offer food, several cots for emergency shelter, showers, laundry, clothing, legal aid, job placement, comprehensive counseling, family intervention, case management, HIV testing and educational programs, aftercare, and creative arts for youth ages 12 to 24. Representatives from virtually all local gay and AIDS agencies with youth services will have representatives onsite, and peer mentorship and counseling will also be offered.

The idea, according to LAGLCS's executive director Lorri L. Jean, is to go where young people in crisis are and to have the Drop In Center serve as a stepping stone to LAGLCS's Kruks/Tilsner Transitional Living Program. It will serve as a "point of entry" to other necessary services as well.

Wilson Cruz, the openly gay star of ABC's *My So-Called Life*, is serving as the spokesperson for the new drop in center. The show recently aired an episode where his character was kicked out and left homeless, which the 21-year-old Cruz says was based on his personal experience. "I lived on the streets for a month," he told the *B.A.R.* during an interview at the fundraiser. "I did whatever I had to do to stay alive."



Lorri Jean

Cruz says he shared his experiences with the ABC writers on developing the homeless storyline; *Life's* producer Alan Poole and ABC network executives Todd Hollins and Michael Ross supported the fundraiser in support of the Drop In Center.

After he finished filming the episode, Cruz said, he visited LAGLCS on December 22 and learned about plans for the Drop In Center from Director of Programs Darrel Cummings. "I wanted to do what I could to help," Cruz said. "I know kids are dying who need this center."

"I'm here today because I want everyone to be more happy," he said. "Twenty-six percent of youth are kicked out because they're gay. We as a community should be a community and take care of our own. These are our kids."

Cruz says he gets up to 1,000 letters a week from people who identify with his character Enrique, 85 percent of whom say they've thought of or attempted suicide. "They're so willing to share their experiences, sometimes I bawl my eyes out," he said. "They have no one else to talk to. It's by the Grace of God that I'm here."

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OBITUARIES

Dr. J. Andrew Armer M.D. January 29, 1995

Dr. J. Andrew Armer, 57, former medical director of the Smithsonian Institution, died January 29 at UCSF-Mt. Zion Hospital in San Francisco of AIDS-related complications. Born in New York City, Dr. Armer became the first medical director of the Smithsonian in 1983, responsible for the health of 6,000 employees worldwide and emergency medical services for 25 million visitors annually. He was also active in advancing the field of diving medicine and improving the safety of deep-sea diving.

Dr. Armer graduated from the Putney School, Reed College and the University of Rochester School of Medicine. He interned at the University of Utah hospitals and was a resident at Walter Reed Hospital. While in the U.S. Air Force, he was flight surgeon for the Presidential Support Team under Lyndon B. Johnson and Richard M. Nixon.

Dr. Armer moved to Tiburon in 1992 with his lover of many years, Dennis B. Fratangelo. He leaves his brother, Tony Armer; nieces, Julie and Melanie; and many cousins, close friends and professional associates.

Contributions may be sent to the Center for Attitudinal Healing in Sausalito or any AIDS organization. A memorial gathering will be held in March in Tiburon. ▽

Steven Jay Spielberg 1954 - 1994

Our good friend, the authentic Steven Spielberg, passed away a year ago on February 15, not quite reaching his 40th birthday.

Steven lived for the weekends when he would drive up to his summer home in Forestville. Once there he would eagerly show you his gardening talents. He was so proud of himself. "After all," he would say, "it isn't easy for a Jewish boy from Brooklyn to learn the art of horticulture." Most weekends were spent gardening, cooking dinner for friends, washing and waxing the cars, lounging and recounting the "glory days."

Steven was a man who touched the hearts of many people. He was especially proud of his circle of friends. They were from all walks of life, and they were all there for him in his declining months. This is his special thank you to them: Joan, Ann, Harriet, Virginia, Dorothy, Cassandra and Cindy.

Good-bye, Steven. You have joined so many of our friends that left here ahead of you. Barbara, Carol, Joel and Karen, your Dad, Steven, Amy, Danny, Ed, Pat Andrew and countless others whose names escape me just want you to know we still miss you and always will. ▽

Lee C. Schultz

Sept. 27, 1950 - Feb. 1, 1995

Lee won his battle against suffering by departing this world in a peaceful way in the presence of his loving brother and the caring people at Coming Home Hospice early Wednesday morning, February 1.

Lee will be missed by his brother, Larry; sisters, Ann and Lynne; in-laws, Elaine and Greg; nieces and nephews; and aunts and uncles. He will be sorely missed by his good friend Todd, who cared for him in his last year with us in this world.

Lee had always said that he had no regrets. One of his favorite toasts was "To strength," and God knows we made plenty of them.

Good-bye, Gollum, "hobbits hobbits."

Memorial contributions can be made in Lee's name to Coming Home Hospice or the Stop AIDS Project. Services will be held on the East Coast sometime in May. ▽

Dennis B. Fratangelo September 29, 1994

Dennis B. Fratangelo, 37, of Tiburon, California, died of AIDS-related complications September 29, surrounded by his loving partner, Dr. J. Andrew Armer; mother, Erma Secor; and sister, Dawn. Fratangelo and Armer (see related obituary) had moved to Tiburon in 1992. Fratangelo was a native of Savannah, New York. A graduate of Clyde-Savannah Central School, he attended Buffalo State University, George Mason University and the University of Maryland. He lived for 12 years in the District of Columbia, working at the Internal Revenue Service and the Smithsonian Institution. An avid landscape gardener and horticulturist, he enjoyed American history and traveled the world with his partner. He was also a member of the Sierra Club of Marin.

Fratangelo is survived by his mother and stepfather, Erma and Harold Secor; his father, Martin Fratangelo Sr.; brother, Martin Jr.; sister, Dawn Fratangelo; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends who will miss him dearly. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the J.D. Hicks Fund, in memory of Dennis Fratangelo, Mt. Zion Memorial Hospital HIV Unit, 1600 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, CA 94120. A memorial gathering will be held in March in Tiburon. ▽

Rodney L. Myers

July 29, 1964 - Jan. 30, 1995

"Promise you won't forget about me, ever. Not even when I'm a hundred."



Rodney will never be forgotten in the hearts of many friends and loved ones he had to leave behind. He is survived by his partner and care-giver, Kevin Blackard; his parents, Sharon and John Myers; sister, Amy; brothers, David, Matt and Mike; friends, Bob, Joe, John, Father David, Orrin, Michael, Paul, Bill, Jim, Kirby and many others in San Francisco and in his final home in Guerneville.

Rodney celebrated life until the end. Though he had lived with AIDS for many years, the final hours were without suffering. He has now joined his partner of eight years, Officer Tom Cady, who died in January 1994. Farewell, Rodney. We know that you sit in the love of God now and forever. Services were held in his hometown of Jefferson, Iowa. ▽

David Viswat

February 23, 1995

David Viswat, 31, died in San Francisco on February 23. He was the beloved son of Diane Reese, brother of Michelle Williams and beloved uncle of Nicole Williams.

David lived with AIDS since 1986, and his greatest growth and joys took place after being diagnosed. David drifted away peacefully, surrounded by his teddy bear, family and friends.

Please make contributions in memory of David to Walden House Photography Dept., 520 Townsend St., SF, CA 94103. Attn: Paul McLaughlin. For memorial service information call Dayna at (415) 955-8585. ▽

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If you're submitting a photo of the deceased, write their name on the back. If you include a SASE for the photo's return, write the person's name on the inside of the envelope flap.

Deadline for all obituaries is Monday at 5 p.m.

Giancarlo Fedeli

May 31, 1946 - Feb. 21, 1995

"John" had his obituary already written. It goes, in part, like this:



"I was born in Rome, Italy, and moved with my family to New York State when I was six. After high school I settled in New York City. That's where and when I fully realized my sexual identity. There I graduated from college and then the New School for Social Research with a master's in sociology.

"In 1976 I moved to New Orleans, and in spring 1978, I arrived in the city that was to become my real home: San Francisco. I worked 11 years with the city and county of San Francisco in human resources.

"So...gather the stars if you wish it so. And gather the songs and keep them. Gather the faces of women and men. Gather for keeping years and years. And then...loosen your hands. Let go and say good-bye. Let the stars and songs go. Let the faces and years go. Loosen your hands and say good-bye."

John asked that any gifts in his memory be sent to: Aurora-Dawn Foundation, P.O. Box 401076, San Francisco, CA 94140. ▽

David Ervin

Dec. 26, 1952 - Jan. 30, 1995

A bright star has flickered mightily in the tapestry we call our lives. Ahh!!!

David, our brother and friend, what has life dealt us now? We all miss your light something fierce! Now you understand what we left here cannot, and we know you will help to light our way. Our souls have prospered in your presence.

Love has grown to newer heights, and our family ties are strengthened because of the light of your soul. We thank you for these immortal gifts of true love, and we thank our creator for you.

David was called home to the everlasting on January 30. He was the loving son of Ella; beloved brother of Pop, Carol, Paula, Anthony and Chris; and friend to his extended family in San Francisco: Peter, Daniel, Koko, David M., Glen, Ken, Robert, Dale, Jeff and a host of many other wonderful people. This planet will never know your love again, but those of us who knew you will remember it always. Until our souls reunite, farewell, dear friend. A memorial will be held on Angel Island on Sunday, March 5. For details, please call (415) 920-9768. ▽

Daniel S. Riffin

1958 - 1995

Dan, the loving son of Sissy and Vic Riffin and mate of Peter S. Regnart, died February 14. He was also the brother of Bill, Ray and Cliff Coler; the loving uncle of seven nieces and nephews; and loving friend of Jo Sanders.

A native Californian, Dan was raised in San Carlos and moved to Novato from San Francisco. He was an active member of the Marin AIDS Interfaith Network, AIDS Project, AIDS Speakers Bureau and United Methodist Church (San Rafael).

Dan was featured on CNN on nutrition and wasting. A state-certified AIDS educator, he was asked to contribute to state guidelines for AIDS education.

Dan worked with AIDS patients, helping them to accept IV line implants as a life line; he advocated gancyclovir implants and good nutrition. He appeared with Miss America 1993 Leanza Cornett in Tracy, Calif., for AIDS awareness, and lectured at San Jose State, Marin College and 7th and 8th grades in the Marin area.

Dan's AIDS education continues through organizations, friends and family. Dr. Senechek in San Francisco is working to acquire greater access to new therapy. Call for information. Dan's passion was early detection, therapy and prevention. ▽

OBITUARIES

Bill Mosher Christensen

Aug. 19, 1943 - Feb. 2, 1995

Bill's life and teachings touched hundreds of people during his stay with us. His warm-hearted manner and good counsel taught us that the greatest legacy we can leave is that of love.

Bill taught for 22 years in the Hayward School District. His greatest accomplishment was in opening young minds to the joy of reading. Bill's sense of humor and always ready smile touched many of us in the community. His non-judgmental way of listening and helping us deal with our problems, as well as his ability to find an exception in our successes, made Bill an exceptional friend.

Bill is survived by his companion, Wade Sorensen; his mother, Franc Christensen; his brother, Dr. Norman Christensen; his niece and nephews; and their children.

A celebration of life will be held at IJ's Getaway in Hayward on March 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. We request donations be sent to the Clarkdale Memorial Library, Box 308, Clarkdale, AZ.

We will miss your cunning game of Liar's Dice, your comforting rub on our shoulders and, most of all, your amazing smile. Until our paths cross again, I love you and am very proud of you, my sweet Bill. - Wade

William T. Kong

April 1, 1929 - Feb. 18, 1995

Bill Kong died of AIDS complications. As he wished, he died in bed at home in his lover's arms at 4:40 a.m. Saturday. Just like the classic movies, a while after both confessed their love to each other and squeezed each other's hand, Bill drifted off peacefully with no pain. He was a good, strong, outstanding man who was loved and loved many. Besides his lover, Gene L. Reeves, he is survived by his sister, Namlyn Kong, and his four children, Randy Kong, Robbie Melton, Ann Kong and Dave Kong.

Bill was born and raised in Hilo, Hawaii; went to the University of Missouri; was a Marine at Camp Pendleton in California; got married; settled in Des Moines, Iowa; and raised four children.

In April 1980 he moved to San Francisco and worked for the Examiner. There he met his roommate, Gene. They became lovers on October 5, 1980, and lived together in San Francisco until his passing.

Aloha, Bill Kong. I loved you. I love you. I will always love you. Bunches and bunches, Gene

David Flores

March 4, 1952 - Feb. 24, 1995

On Friday, February 24, David Flores died peacefully at St. Mary's Hospital at age 42. Born in New York City, David moved to New Jersey at the age of ten and to the Bay Area in 1972.

After a short stay in San Jose, David moved to San Francisco. He was employed for 12 years as a stylist in the advertising photography studio of the Emporium and was considered one of the most generous, creative people in his field. David also worked as store manager for Under One Roof during the 1993 Christmas season.

David is survived by his parents, Esther and Manuel Flores, both of Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico; brother, Manny Flores; and sister, Emma Lugo, both of New Jersey. He is also survived by a large circle of friends. Special thanks to Penny McVey, Judi Bedrosian and Will Murray, whose care and support sustained David during his final days.

A memorial celebration will be held at Blanche's Garden (behind Carmen's Restaurant, 998 4th Street, San Francisco) on Saturday, March 4 (which would have been David's 43rd birthday), from noon to 3 p.m. Please bring a plant for the garden in David's memory.

Matthew Webster Snyder

May 15, 1964 - Jan. 30, 1995

The Rev. Matthew Webster Snyder died of AIDS-related causes at his home in San Francisco on Monday, January 30.

Matthew received his Master of Divinity degree from the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley in 1994. During his tenure at PSR, he became involved with the Metropolitan Community Church of San Francisco, where he remained active until the time of his death.

Just prior to his passing, Matthew was officially licensed as a minister by the Rev. Jim Mitulski of MCC/SF, a goal he had pursued, despite extreme physical hardships, with great courage and tenacity while ill with AIDS.

Matthew and his partner, Larry Knee, formed Pyramid Home Health Care in early 1994 to serve the needs of the gay community and to reach out to AIDS patients in particular. It is their hope that they will one day achieve their dream of building a home for PWAs.

Matthew is also survived by his mother and stepfather, Emily and Walter; sister, Amy; brothers, David and Andrew; niece, Shanti; and nephew, Ben.

Memorial services were held at the MCC/SF on February 4. Please send any donations to MCC AIDS Support Services.

Keith August Gockel M.D.

Dec. 18, 1957 - Feb. 24, 1995

Keith, son of Jack and Marilouise Gockel, died from complications due to AIDS on February 24. He passed away at home in San Francisco with his partner, Jack Crow, and his sister, Denise Griffin, by his side.

Keith was born and raised in Staunton, Illinois. He was a valedictorian at his high school graduation and was voted most studious and most outstanding boy. He earned a BS in civil engineering from the University of Illinois in 1980 and his M.D. in 1986. He trained as a psychiatrist at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. Upon moving to San Francisco, he worked as a ward supervisor at SF General Hospital as well as serving as clinical instructor at UCSF.

Keith became disabled in June 1991. He spent the remainder of his life as a volunteer for AIDS organizations and was active in the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus. Keith is preceded in death by his grandparents and many dear friends. Surviving him are his partner, Jack; parents, Marilouise and Jack; uncle, Jack; sisters, Denise Griffin, Deb Stierwalt and Dawn Jones; brother, Kevin Gockel; and nephews, Tyler August and Caldwell Keith Stierwalt.

Eddie Banuelous

Nov. 8, 1964 - Feb. 19, 1995

Eddie passed away the morning of February 19 from AIDS-related complications.

Among friends and very caring people at his home in Laguna Beach, Calif. During the last seven years in Laguna, he fulfilled one of his many dreams, opening his own hair salon (HEM-SONA). Eddie had been a longtime resident of the Bay Area and Tahoe City, connecting many special people along the way who still remain great friends.

At his request his ashes will be mixed with wild flowers and spread on the cliffs above the ocean in Laguna Beach during a life celebration/party March 18.

His high spirit, love of challenge and special ways will be greatly missed. To your spirit, Eddie. We'll see you soon. All our love always!

Robert James Rowney

Nov. 6, 1961 - Jan. 6, 1995

Bob departed this world at 11:50 p.m. on Friday, January 6, at San Francisco General Hospital in the arms of his lover and friend, Michael Rouse. Bob fought a courageous eight-year battle with the AIDS virus.

Bob was born in Florida, raised in New Jersey, and at age 14, left home to spend the rest of his life in Los Angeles and San Francisco, where he touched the hearts of many good people and friends. He committed a great deal of time to charity and charitable functions.

Bob was loud, pushy, kind, caring, honest, loving and a charming man. Funeral services were held in New Jersey with his mother and family. A celebration of Bob's life is still being planned. From Michael and your friends: "Bob, we miss and love you."

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James moved to San Francisco from Toledo, Ohio, in 1985. He worked as a sergeant at PG&E where he is greatly missed. He loved music and was an accomplished trumpet player, having played in drum and bugle corps for many years with the Toledo Glassmen.

James had an incredible wit, charming personality, a gentle voice, an award-winning smile and an easy-going spirit. An open and ready heart made James an instant friend. It didn't take long for us to become inseparable, and that was the beginning of a most fabulous joyride. Even though he had

many wonderful qualities, his greatest attribute was his high level of tolerance and forgiveness, which was evident in his relationship with his ex-roommate, Nick.

I would like to thank the following people for helping us through this transition: Bunny, Catherine Ruiz of St. Mary's Hospital, the nursing staff on 7 West, James' family for believing the truth, Tim for his shoulder, the Hill family & friends, and especially Jimmy Smith (12/20/44 - 05/08/94) for "being there" faithfully.

We'll always have our favorite things: Modern rock, R&B classics, car shows, drum & bugle corps shows, our hoopies, bodily functions, Highway 1, and most of all, our favorite movie quotes.

James wanted to be remembered by two simple words. Uh, any two...as long as they're simple.

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Little Stevie

Kevin G. Andrews

Dec. 8, 1957 - Feb. 17, 1995

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Stanley M. Sargey
1942-1983

With you we all remained young.
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David C. Ackerman

Aug. 16, 1950 - Feb. 20, 1995

After a valiant, decade-long fight against AIDS, David C. Ackerman passed peacefully from this world to the next on Monday, February 20. Following his evening meal, David, having bid good-bye to friends, felt it was time to move on to a safer place.

After displaying his talents in such diverse fields as land use planning and cuisine, David moved back to Napa in July 1992, after spending seven years in San Francisco. A resident of California since 1976, David was a Vietnam-era veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was based at Fleet Weather Central, Pearl Harbor, in Honolulu for 3-1/2 years.

In addition to many friends and acquaintances in California, Hawaii and Minnesota, David is survived by his longtime friend and care-giver, Pierce Carson of Napa; his father, Clyde Ackerman of Rochester; and grandmother, Lois McIntosh of Zephyrhills, Fla.

David will be interred next to his late mother, Jene, in a family cemetery in Eyota, Minn.

Friends are invited to a celebration of David's life at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at the Carmelite Monastery, Oakville, in the Napa Valley. A reception will follow.

Coming Down the Pike

by Michael C. Botkin

AIDS treatments spend a lot of time working their way down the pipeline. Even under ideal circumstances it takes at least several years to bring a candidate treatment from first investigation to full approval – and often the circumstances are rather less than ideal. Nor does the struggle necessarily end with approval; increasingly there are subsequent squabbles over who will pay for the new drugs.

This is the case with the one of the latest and most effective new treatments for AIDS-related wasting syndrome, human growth hormone. In a potentially trend-setting deal, its manufacturer, Serono, agreed to provide the provisionally approved treatment to any PWA who needs it – if their insurer agrees to pay for it. Since it costs \$150 a day, this is something of a stumbling block.

It's not too surprising that many insurers, such as MediCal, are reluctant to pay for it. What is surprising, and alarming, is that many of the major AIDS advocacy groups like AIDS Project Los Angeles and San Francisco AIDS Foundation are reluctant to press for it. Anticipating large federal and local budget cuts, they're already worried that the cost of paying for such an expensive treatment will ultimately cut into their own public funding.

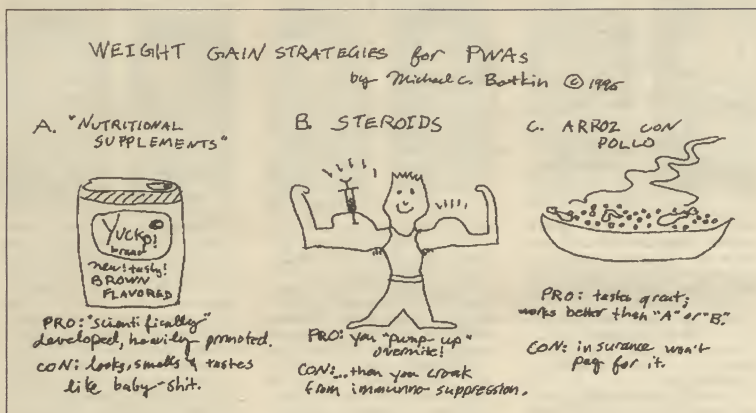
One can't blame their being

nervous, although their narrowly self-interested approach seems likely to be counterproductive in the long run. In addition to the looming cuts in federal and state AIDS funding, danger threatens in the private sector as well. Burroughs-Wellcome, the most generous sugar daddy of all the major pharmaceutical corporations, is about to be taken over by a rival, and this will almost certainly result in a significant cutback of their currently generous support to AIDS advocacy groups.

A decade ago Burroughs was considered the number-one public enemy of PWAs, due to their outrageous profiteering on AZT, the first (somewhat) effective treatment for HIV. In subsequent years they (somewhat) cleaned up their act, and currently donate millions of dollars per year to the AIDS service community. While some have questioned the propriety of

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activists accepting corporate dollars, most organizations take it when offered. (Nationwide, the AIDS groups who've refused Burroughs money can be counted on the fingers of one hand.) I, for one, consider such payments sound public relations policy on the part of the donor as well as partial reparations for past (and current, and future) abuse.



Now this gravy train is approaching the end of its track. Glaxo corporation, another major pharmaceutical corporation heavily involved in AIDS treatments, is making a bid to take over Burroughs. Burroughs has declared it will fight the acquisition, but their odds of succeeding are slim. Glaxo is offering to buy Burroughs shares at a generous markup, and few Burroughs stockholders are likely to resist such a good deal.

The new merged entity of Glaxo/Burroughs will be one of the largest pharmaceutical corporations in the world. It will own the patent rights to more AIDS treatments than any other company. And the new owners

will be under a lot of pressure to recoup the premium price they paid for Burroughs. After the merger will they continue to generously fund every activist and AIDS newsletter that comes asking? And if they don't, what will happen to the publications and organizations dependent on that money?

Scientist and rat

Such corporate maneuverings are increasingly affecting AIDS research. One PWA in a trial of Compound Q (remember that?) reported weird behavior by the study scientists. At the beginning of the study, patients were forced to adhere to a very rigid schedule of treatments. Then suddenly, about halfway through the trial, all such restrictions were abruptly dropped. He gradually realized that the doctors had given up on the study, had decided that Q wasn't working, and were only going through the motions.

He was perplexed, however, as to why they should bother. It seems likely that they were stalling on declaring the treatment a failure to prop up the stock of the speculative biotech firm sponsoring the study. Many companies are funded on the basis of one or two key patents, and if these fail, the company folds. But if the failure can be concealed until a patent on some new, promising treatment is made public, they may dodge the bullet.

A touch misleading, I suppose, but at least they let the "subjects" do whatever they want.

In contrast to this laissez-faire attitude, another PWA, in a study of one of the protease inhibitors (the new second generation of antivirals), showed me his microchip-controlled pillbox. This variation on the old beeping pillbox of yesteryear exactly records if the subject is taking his drug at precise three-hour intervals. It sounds draconian, but it was voluntary and does contribute to good data.

On the other hand, I wondered about the requirement of taking your dose six times a day on a stomach filled with a "small meal" that is at least 50 percent fat – an attempt to overcome the drug's generally poor absorption. Now, I'm a hard-core calorie packer, but I rarely score that high – that is one hell of a lot of fat. It wouldn't surprise me if the study shows a remarkable gain in weight which ends up getting attributed to the drug instead of to the high-fat diet.

Technically, this should be taken care of by the presence of a "control" group getting a placebo. But PWAs, bad guinea pigs that we are, have taken to having our pills analyzed to see if we're getting the experimental treatment and dropping out of the study if we're not. This contributes to bad data, I know, but what can we do? We're locked into this game of cat and mouse – or rather scientist and rat – on the losing side and have to even the odds any way we can.

The bubbly factor

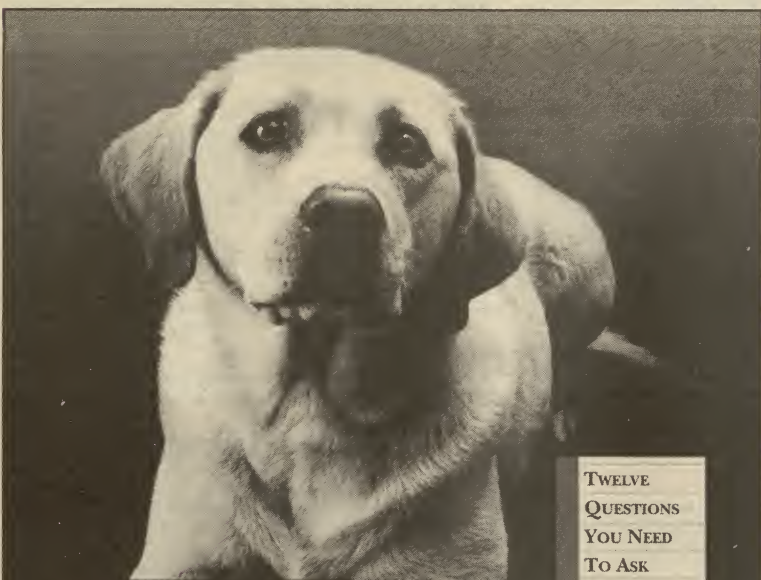
Sometimes I think that doing the requisite high-fat diet and not bothering with the experimental antivirals is a better approach. Some backhanded clinical verification of this hypothesis emerged, paradoxically, from a recent East Coast study of metabolic steroids. It was a small study, with about 20 patients split evenly between treatment and control groups.

They were hoping that the steroids would produce a growth hormone-like effect at a fraction of the cost. It was controversial because although steroids are known to promote muscle growth – which is why some athletes abuse them – they are also suspected of being dangerously immuno-suppressive.

A couple of months into the study, they noted that they had a "star performer," a patient who gained 20 pounds and bloomed in health. Since it was a "blind" study, they didn't know if he was getting the treatment or not, but if he was, the effect was so dramatic that it would justify ending the study early so as not to deny the control groupies a shot at it. They boldly decided to "unblind" the study – kind of like peeking to read the ending of a thriller when you're only halfway through it – and excitedly prepared to tally up the triumphant data.

Alack and alas, the "star performer" turned out to be in the control group! More careful investigation revealed that his mom had flown up from Puerto Rico to take care of him, coincidentally, on the same day the study started. Her good home-cooked arroz con pollo, not the steroid, was the key to his success.

Another quick, cheap answer gone sour; another speculative research company gone belly-up – but at least one more fat and happy HIVer. At the current stage of development, contemporary AIDS treatments still have a hard time competing with "the bubbly factor" and grandma's chicken soup. ▼



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UCSF Creates 'Fact Sheets' To Help Fight AIDS

by Lidia Wasowicz
UPI Science Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — In yet another effort to battle the spread of AIDS, researchers said Monday, February 27 they have developed HIV prevention fact sheets that should prove useful to doctors, policymakers, legislators, and research funding agencies.

Combining behavioral research findings from a two-year project that reviewed thousands of HIV prevention studies, the fact sheets will be distributed nationwide, according to scientists at the University of California, San Francisco.

The data come from "Looking Back, Looking Ahead," a two-year study and

information dissemination program conducted by the UCSF Center for AIDS Prevention Studies and the Harvard AIDS Institute.

"Feedback from those actively engaged in HIV prevention can help scientists design research to answer the questions most relevant to reducing the spread of HIV," said Jeff Stryker, director of the UCSF project and CAPS researcher. He is not the adult film performer.

"The challenge of HIV prevention demands there be open communication between behavioral scientists and those on the front lines actually delivering, funding and evaluating prevention services," said Thomas Coates, CAPS director.

While total success is as elusive with HIV prevention as with smoking cessation, dieting, and exercise programs, Stryker said, "dramatic reductions in risk behavior and HIV transmission can be achieved with properly funded, sustained and targeted interventions."

Information in the fact sheets, which will be produced periodically and translated into Spanish, includes:

- Properly used, readily available, effectively promoted condoms play an important public health role in preventing the spread of HIV.

- While abstinence or monogamous sex with a healthy partner is most effective in preventing AIDS, a national survey of 14-to-21-year-olds found 63 percent

were sexually active.

- The number of infections among women is small, but growing at a rapid rate — with AIDS cases among women doubling every two years or so.

- Surveys show that while patients want to hear about AIDS from their doctors, only 15 percent had discussed HIV risks with their physician in the previous five years, and that those discussions were instigated by the patient. Studies show while nearly all doctors routinely ask about cigarette smoking and alcohol consumption, only 49 percent inquire about drug use; 31 percent, about condom use; 22 percent, about the number of sex partners, and 27 percent, about sexual orientation. ▼

Wenger

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with a stocky build and brown hair. He was wearing a leather jacket.

The motive in the slaying was probably drugs, rather than sex, police speculate, partly because two people were together in the vehicle. A man on the prowl for sex would not be likely to have someone with him, they theorize.

Witnesses have also told police that Wenger, who was

usually broke, had a substantial amount of money the morning he was killed. He had been buying rounds at Kimo's bar on Polk, detectives said, a luxury he could rarely afford. Wenger had been a fairly well-known fixture on Polk Street, distinctive both for his ubiquitous headphones and his sudden fits of rage. He had been known to use cocaine when alive, and traces of the drug were found in his remains.

Wenger's decapitated body, minus his legs, was found in the Myrtle Alley dumpster by a homeless scavenger March 28.

He had been burned, beaten, kicked around, strangled, and stabbed 11 times. The killer had then slit Wenger's wrists, leaving his remains clean and free of all blood, and had even taken the trouble to shampoo his hair.

Early on, police theorized whoever dismembered the body was in the medical profession. ▼

■ **Anyone who knows the identity of this driver of a blue or gray Ford Taurus station wagon should call inspector Mike Johnson at (415) 553-1071.**

Sister Spirit

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of a victim and a description of the violence they suffered, will be hung on a huge clothesline at the Mississippi compound.

Organizer Robin Tyler hopes the Clothesline Project will bear witness to the casualties suffered by queers. "The violence against us keeps escalating," she told the B.A.R. "We need to keep organizing. In these days it's either proactive or Prozac."

The women at Sister Spirit know about escalating violence. Since 1993, Wanda and Brenda Henson, a lesbian couple, have defended their 120-acre retreat in Overt, Mississippi against attacks by local homophobes; there have been over 64 incidents to date, including death threats and a dead dog tied to their mail box.

Camp Sister Spirit drew national attention when Attorney General Janet Reno sent Justice Department representatives to Overt to investigate the harassment, which was also the subject of a 20/20 investigation and articles in publications around the country. The women still hope to open a feminist lesbian folkschool on the site to teach "non-oppressive lifeways" and distribute food and clothing to the local poor.

The problem of violence against gays in nearby Laurel, located in the same county as Camp Sister Spirit, also achieved national attention when two gay men from the town were murdered last October. On February 7 a jury convicted 16-year-

old Marvin McClendian of murdering Robert Shoemaker and Robert Walters, rejecting his lawyer's argument that since McClendian feared being raped by the gay men, he was justified in killing them and dumping their bodies by an abandoned rail line.

The Clothesline Project will be displayed at the camp on Memorial Day, 1995, when hundreds of gay activists are expected to descend on Overt. Like their 1960s counterparts, the "Freedom Riders II," an interfaith coalition, hope their solidarity will inject new life into the movement.

"For decades Mississippi has been the battle ground for civil rights," said Tyler. "And we need to let gay bashers and homophobes know that when they attack isolated gays and lesbians, they aren't just taking on one or two people, they are taking on the entire gay and lesbian movement."

The Clothesline Project, Tyler said, "is a way of organizing and saying never again."

Tyler expects the Clothesline Project to catch on. She hopes to see it displayed around the world, and like the AIDS Quilt, she says its size will help raise awareness of the enormity of the problem. ▼

■ **If you would like to send a T-shirt to Camp Sister Spirit, please be sure to write the name of the victim and a description of the incident in indelible marker or paint. T-shirts should be sent to Camp Sister Spirit, P.O. Box 12, Overt, Mississippi 39464, and should arrive two weeks before Memorial Day. Donations to the camp are gladly accepted.**

GLRS Provides Free 'Shark Hunting' Service

by Kent Brandley

Need a lawyer? Last year, roughly 4,000 lesbians and gay men in Northern California discovered the Gay/Lesbian Legal Referral Service (GLRS) and learned that finding legal representation doesn't have to be a scary experience.

"Lesbians and gay men face complex and often explosive legal situations, so the need for a

legal referral service like ours was tremendous," Sally Elkington, director of GLRS, told the B.A.R. "GLRS puts lesbian and gay callers in touch with experienced attorneys who specialize in the area of law required."

The service is operated free of charge to callers, most of whom are gay men and lesbians in the Bay Area who are facing complicated legal issues and

who need a lawyer for the first time.

Many attorneys listed with GLRS specialize in areas of particular concern such as AIDS, job discrimination, housing complaints, personal injury, and hate crimes. ▼

■ **Callers can be quickly referred to an attorney, or obtain more information, by calling (415) 621-3900.**

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the smoldering tire to set off the fire alarm and sprinkler system before the building could ignite, said Terese Williams, public affairs director with Planned Parenthood.

Williams, who has fielded all press inquiries for PCC, said that although fire department officials have not linked Tuesday's unsuccessful attempt to the other clinic blazes, there is no doubt in her mind who was responsible. Operation Rescue, she pointed out, designated February as "No Place To Hide Month" — referring to abortion providers.

Williams said she is pleased that the San Francisco Police Department has ordered frequent patrol of that and other clinics. She emphasized that abortions comprise just six percent of all gynecological medical care provided by Planned Parenthood in Alameda and San Francisco counties. ▼



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The Unambitious Activist Who Shouted Down the Silence

by Mary Ann Swissler

Twelve years ago this week New York playwright Larry Kramer followed in the footsteps of Czech playwright Vaclev Havel, who became politicized beyond his wildest dreams. Kramer spent the first week of March 1983 preparing an article that dared gay people to embrace civil disobedience in the fight against AIDS. In what would become the longest ever op-ed piece run in the *New York Native*, "1,112 and Counting," Kramer outlined his plan for demanding accessibility of drug treatments for AIDS patients.

Kramer co-founded the GMHC, but was soon disillusioned and ostracized for his call-to-arms approach. The government's refusal to fund the kind of basic AIDS research and public health education programs that other viruses or infectious diseases outbreaks would normally get, enraged Kramer to the point where he was willing to try something new. "If this article doesn't rouse you to anger, fury, rage, and action, gay men may have no future on this earth," he wrote in the March 14 *Native* article. "Further, a number of AIDS Network members have been studying civil disobedience with one of the experts from Dr.

Martin Luther King's old team." He advised would-be activists to be prepared for sit-ins and traffic tie-ups. And to be ready to get arrested.

A little more than four years later Kramer and fellow entertainment industry colleague Martin Sheen led a meeting at the New York Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center to call attention to the steadily worsening situation. The crowd of about 350 caught Kramer's vision and sense of urgency, and before the night was over the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power, or ACT UP, was born.

Lighting a fire under gays and lesbians, to make them view ACT UP's fight for medical treatment as a fight for their very lives, was not an easy transition for Kramer. He was a Yale University graduate, veteran of the U.S. Army, Oscar-winning screenwriter (for *Women in Love*), and controversial novelist (*Faggots*) who regarded gay politics as a world filled with "the loudmouths, the unkempt, and the dirty," according to his 1989 collection of essays, *Reports from the Holocaust*. Throughout the 1970s he had spent Gay Pride Days on Fire Island, cavalierly toasting the "straggling, pitiful marches" miles away in Manhattan. Until AIDS came knocking.

On March 25, 1987, ACT UP was ready for its first action. Approximately 250 protesters blocked rush hour traffic on Wall Street, resulting in the arrest of 17 people in front of Trinity Church. *The New York Times* carried only a captioned photograph. But not for long. ACT UP and its message of indignant rage became a media sensation.



Larry Kramer

Kramer and his multi-gendered band of queer activists had hit a nerve, and by year's end there were ACT UP chapters everywhere proclaiming "Silence = Death." In its first year, ACT UP members got arrested at the White House, sued Northwest Airlines for barring PWAs from flying on their planes, and mounted the largest act of civil disobedience since the Vietnam War on the steps of the Supreme Court. In all, 600 people were arrested by police wearing rubber

gloves.

Whenever New York City mayors have tried to cut AIDS funding, ACT UP was there literally shouting down proceedings until funding was restored. They booed President Reagan's anemic AIDS speech in May 1987 and blew whistles from the bleachers when President Bush gave a rare speech to the 1991 graduating class of the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena. In January 1988, 19 Bay Area members of ACT UP were arrested at the offices of Burroughs-Wellcome, the makers of AZT, for demonstrating against the company's price gouging. On World AIDS Day 1989, ACT UP/East Bay appeared on the steps of Oakland's City Hall to point out that "not a penny was going towards AIDS," recalled John Iverson. Soon, \$50,000 worth of food and housing vouchers for people with AIDS was released by the city.

Today ACT UP members sit on committees at the NIH and smaller AIDS boards nationwide. They have more than 70 chapters worldwide and in the United States.

Kramer told the *Bay Area Reporter* he is planning to come to San Francisco in May to speak at Project Inform's annual dinner. Further details were not immediately available. ▼

LAVA

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was responsible for recruiting the eight-woman wrestling team for Gay Games IV, and produced a fundraiser for the Women's Cancer Resource Center that brought in a 1993 Cable Car nomination for best women's event.

• Doreena Wong, for community activism. Wong has dedicated her career to civil rights law. She is currently a legal advisor to

Community United Against Violence and is a staff attorney with the Asian Law Caucus, where she directs both the Hate Violence and Voting Rights Projects.

Proceeds raised at the benefit dinner and award ceremony will go towards a community-based grant program begun by Bay Area Career Women in 1989, "A Fund Of Our Own." Since then, it has provided over \$127,000 to 49 Bay Area groups that address the needs of lesbians.

"The interesting thing about A

Fund Of Our Own is that it provides grants to worthy organizations that you and I in our everyday, workaday lives may never hear of," said Jo Ann Driscoll a spokesperson for the LAVA Awards and the fund. "Many of these are emerging groups struggling to provide services that meet the needs of our sisters."

Don't just take her word for it; read this list of Fall 1994 A Fund Of Our Own winners: an internship for low-income lesbians of color at Aunt Lute Books; Brava!

for Women in the Arts; Community United Against Violence; *Dyke TV*; Asha, an organization for Iranian Lesbians; a film project, *Lady and the Midwife*; *Lesbian Visual Artists* newsletter; the Lesbian Installation Project, a multimedia project about lesbian history; Lyon-Martin Medical Center; Tribe/Hillel Foundation, outreach to young Jewish lesbians; *Older Asian Sisters in Solidarity* newsletter; scholarship support for Options for Women Over 40; The Purple

Moon Dance Project; Ronin Dojo scholarship fund; Sappho's residence for women; San Francisco Women's Center/Women's Building writing group fund; Street Survival Project/YWCA, a health center for women trying to escape life on the streets; and Woman, Inc., to address lesbian domestic violence. ▼

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Housing

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households—including gay men who choose to live collectively—has not been addressed.

"There are a lot of reasons why roommates don't work out. It could be someone's personal habits, that someone in a non-smoking house takes up smoking in the middle of the parlor and even though you say they can't smoke in the house, that's not a reason for evicting him," Trumbo says.

According to Trumbo, "there are dozens of reasons" why the ordinance discriminates against collective living situations and people who prefer to live in owner-occupied buildings.

"Imagine sharing a bathroom with someone with whom you are fighting in court," he complains. "I may be able to reoccupy the room myself, but I couldn't let anyone else live in this room—for a full 12 months. Should I not be able to afford the increased rent, I couldn't ask others in the house to help, as

their rent share is now regulated by the ordinance as well."

Trumbo, a 30 year San Francisco resident, has owned his house for two decades—and says that he understands the reason for rent control legislation is due to abuses by large landlords. However, he says, the end of the owner-occupied four-units-or-less exemption will only adversely affect the housing stock in San Francisco.

"My God, without the right to ask someone to leave, how can we ever risk asking someone to share our homes?" he wonders.

Migden said the attempt to fix the oversight by tenant's rights groups of domestic partners in the legislation was not necessarily the last word on the ordinance.

She invited Trumbo and other homeowners—gay, lesbian, and straight—with concerns about collective households to come to the March 9 hearing to raise their concerns. The hearing will be held Thursday, March 9 at 10 a.m. in the 4th floor committee room at the relocated City Hall, 401 Van Ness Ave. ▼

Seattle Mike

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ing on the allegations—but the negotiated settlement offer is "not available to him [Raab] anymore," Beckwith told the *B.A.R.*

Raab's case was delayed after his first appointed public defender filed a "McKenzie Motion," in which the lawyer effectively fires the client.

Attorney Mark Goldrosen was named to defend Raab Friday, February 10.

Goldrosen said there had apparently been a "breakdown in rapport" between Raab and the attorney originally appointed

to defend him.

Investigators said Citizens United Against Violence (CUAV) played a key role in the case, by coordinating reports from various victims into a cohesive pattern leading to Raab's arrest.

After reading a January 26 *B.A.R.* story about Raab's capture, two additional victims stepped forward, one of whom told investigators that the suspect used a stun gun on him. Other victims allege they were robbed at knifepoint or threatened with a metal rod.

Although Raab's physical health is reportedly deteriorating, Beckwith and Goldrosen would not discuss his condition. ▼

HEALTH AND COMMUNITY

ACT UP Golden Gate: meets Tues. nights, 7:30pm at Mobilization Against AIDS, 584 Castro St. Info: 252-9200.

African-American AIDS Support Services: Support group for young men, 1st & 3rd Wed. of each month, 6pm. Amassi, 3419 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Oakland. (510) 601-9066.

AGUILAS, Lesbian and Gay Latina/o organization meets Sat., March 4, 5-8pm. St. Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St. (510) 419-2713.

AIDS Benefits Counselors: Professional review and counseling about benefits for people with AIDS/HIV+. Free. For intake scheduling, screening, referral, call 558-9845.

AIDS Community Research Consortium conducts HIV and AIDS clinical trials at sites located in San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties. For a free listing of current trials available, call 800 864-ACRC.

AIDS Health Project: Individual psychotherapy services for people with HIV. No fee. Call for intake appt. 476-3902.

AIDS/HIV Nightline provides telephone emotional support and crisis counseling. Volunteers needed; training begins soon, 984-1902.

BAHAN (Bay Area HIV Advocacy Network) is a grassroots program of the SF AIDS Foundation: phone/fax free action alerts, gov't lobbying, HIV Policy Watch newsletter. Info: Ryan Clary 864-5855 ext. 3032.

Baker Places provides housing for people with AIDS who have substance abuse and/or mental health issues. For info or intake call 284-1740.

Bay Positives: Provides recreational and emotional support for people up to 26 years old living with HIV. Ongoing support groups meet weekly, 487-1616.

Clinical Research Unit at UCSF seeks participants in a study involving AZT. Subjects must be HIV+, 18 yrs.+, CD4 count between 300-500. Pays \$80. Call 476-5914.

Coming out support group for men meets Tues., 6pm at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St. Men of all ages welcome, no fee. Facilitated by Kirk Hinman, PhD. Info: 626-7000.

Community Forum on AIDS Vaccines sponsored by HIVCare and Project Inform. 7pm. Fri., March 3. UCSF Laurel Heights Auditorium, 3333 California. 353-6249.

Continuum HIV Day Services: an adult day health care facility for people with disabling HIV disease, located in the Tenderloin. Call 241-5500.

DNCB Support Group: Meets 2nd & 4th Mon. at 194 Church St., 7:15pm. Call 954-8896.

"Drop the Charges: Needle Exchange Saves Lives" protest the Oakland Needle Exchange trial. Noon, Mon., March 6. Oakland Municipal Court, 661 Washington St. (510) 568-1680.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services: Support groups, emotional & practical buddy program, food program and case management for PWAs. 572-9702.

FABRIC, a support/social group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning Asian and Pacific Islander youth 25-under, has drop-in every Tues., 6-8pm. GCHP, 30 Pearl St. 575-3939, x318/ x504.

Fun House at LYRIC, center for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth 23 and under. Thurs., 6pm, 123 Collingwood St. 863-3636.

GAPA Community HIV Project seeks volunteers to help support Asian and Pacific Islanders with HIV/AIDS. Contact Vince Cristostomo, 575-3939 ext. 303 or Victor Hall, 703-9880.

Gay Fathers Support Network of Santa Rosa meets first Sun. of every month, 7pm. Info: Mark (707) 523-6941.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: Testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun. 5-7 pm. HIV antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun., 5-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair accessible. 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Healing Alternatives Foundation maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club for health products. 1748 Market St. Info: 626-4053.

Immune Enhancement Project treats persons with HIV-related illness using a program of traditional Chinese medicine and herbal supplements. Info: 252-8711.

Lambda Youth Group, Hayward: Gay, lesbian, bisexual support for teens up to age 23. Tues., 7pm. Info: (510) 247-8200.

Legal Services for Children's H.O.P.E. Project provides social and legal services to low-income HIV affected families. Info: 863-3762.

Lesbian Recovering Couples Anonymous: meets Sundays, 4-5:30pm, 1265 Sanchez St. Singles and couples welcome. Info:

Linea de Ambiente: Information, referral and emotional support for gay, lesbian and bi latinos regarding immigration, HIV, social services, a project of Gente Latina de Ambiente (GELAAM). 243-9534.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Center: Primary health care for women by women, emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. 1748 Market St. Suite 201. 565-7667.

LYRIC Youth Talkline seeks volunteers, especially people of color, transgenders and people under 18. Call Anne or Olga, 703-6150.

Malaysian Gay and Lesbian Group: a social support group. Thomas, 789-8042.

The Mark Pope Career Counseling Center: a non-profit career counseling agency serving the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities of the Bay Area. 760 Market St., Suite 962. 296-8024.

MCC Chronic/Life-Threatening Support Group: Every Wed., 12:30-2:30pm, in the MCC chapel, 150 Eureka St. Free, drop-in. Call 863-4434.

National Association of People With AIDS Fax is a fax-on-demand system which provides free and up-to-date information on HIV funding, grants, insurance, benefits, legal issues and more. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call NAFWA FAX: 202-789-2222.

Native American AIDS Project: Support, resources and advocacy for Native Americans/ Alaskan Natives and their families affected by HIV. 1540 Market St., Suite 425. Info/intake: 522-2460.

Pacific Center, the gay lesbian bisexual community center for the East Bay, seeks volunteer facilitators for HIV/AIDS support groups. Training provided. 2712 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. Call Richard, (510) 548-8283.

Pride & Prejudice: a welcoming group to queer youth meets every Tues., 6pm, at Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St., Suite 201. Call Nicole at 565-7681.

Project Open Hand provides free home-delivered hot meals and free groceries to anyone with symptomatic HIV in San Francisco and Alameda Counties. Various ethnic and restricted diets available, plus free nutritional counseling. No waiting list. Call 1-800-551-MEAL.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Center Non-profit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS & gynecological imbalances, Stop Smoking Clinic. Tues.-Fri., 1-6:30 pm, Sat. 9 am-3 pm. 861-4964.

Radical Women: Business mtg, 2nd & 4th Thurs. of the month. 7pm. Valencia Hall, 523-A Valencia St. 864-1278.

Richard M. Cohen Residence, SF's first assisted-living residence for people disabled by AIDS, needs volunteers (call 558-0503) and household donations (call Wayne April, 282-6209).

San Mateo County AIDS Program: provides care for individuals and families affected by HIV/AIDS. Volunteer Resources Coordinator: 573-2488. Information: 573-2588.

Shanti Project's Latino Program: specifically serves Latino men, women, adolescents and children infected with and affected by HIV. Provides help with emotional peer counseling and practical support. For more information, call 864-CARE.

Staying Healthy with HIV: Strategies for Self-Care, Treatments for Symptoms. 7:30pm, Thurs., March 9. American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine, 450 Connecticut. 282-9603.

Substance Abuse Counseling for Lesbians and Gay Men at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St. Operation Recovery provides affordable, effective treatment. Drop-in groups: for women, 7-8 pm Mondays; for men, 8-9 pm Thursdays. For information/ intake, call Jill, 626-7000 Ext. 199.

Tambayan is a support network for gay, lesbian and transgender Filipinos in the Bay Area. Thurs., 7pm at Filipino Task Force on AIDS, 1540 Market St., Suite 325. 703-9880.

UCSF AIDS Health Project offers: (1) ongoing groups for persons diagnosed with KS; (2) Tues. night support group for women who are caregivers or family members of PWAs; (3) support group for HIV+ African-American heterosexual men. Info: 476-3902.

Under One Roof, the shop for AIDS relief, seeks volunteers Call Mary Beth at 252-9430.

Veterans Affairs Medical Center SF seeks volunteers to join its AIDS/ARC Volunteer Program. Volunteers visit patients in hospital and help in simple care tasks. Volunteers for AIDS Home Care and Phone Buddy Program are also needed. Contact Ronald Hunt, AIDS Volunteer Program Coordinator, VA Medical Center, 4150 Clement St., 750-2144.

Visiting Nurses and Hospice of SF seeks volunteers to help provide care to PWAs. Training begins Feb. 13. Info: 750-6800 x21699.

We Care Bay Area provides emergency financial support to individuals affected by AIDS and other serious illnesses. Requests must be made thru a Bay Area outreach or social service agency. Info: 282-1911.

Send Health and Community Listings to: Calendar Editor, Bay Area Reporter, 395 Ninth Street, San Francisco, CA 94103.

Emerson

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controversial views on AIDS transmission and quarantine — inflamed community sensitivities, and was unbalanced, so he substituted a previous Donahue program. KSFO has refused to discuss publicly the reasons for the termination, beyond a general statement issued by Swanson that the station "was sorry that it didn't work out" and that it "wished Emerson well."

Hernandez is openly critical of the station's promotion of "hatred and fear" — and the misinformation it spreads about AIDS.

Ben Carlson, deputy director of Mobilization Against AIDS, attended the meeting with Supervisor Angela Alioto, representatives of Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, and ACT UP/Golden Gate. According to Carlson, Swanson

said in the meeting that he called Emerson into his office after his comments regarding AIDS and said that he needed to get a medical authority to support them.

Emerson brought in right-wing homophobe Dr. Lorraine Day, former chief of orthopedics at San Francisco General Hospital, who believes that AIDS is casually transmitted and is airborne, and is a proponent of quarantine for people with AIDS.

Swanson told the group he had been to the San Francisco Public Library and done his own research on AIDS, which indicated such routes of transmission were not impossible.

"I responded by saying that no responsible physician would say they were absolutely impossible but I have more chance walking down a street and being hit by a meteorite," Carlson said. "They know that. It was pathetic."

An AIDS expert and physician, Hernandez dismisses Day's controversial views as medically unfounded.

"She was the chief of orthopedics at San Francisco General Hospital," Hernandez said. "She set bones."

"She was not chief of infectious diseases. She was not chief of communicable diseases. She is not an AIDS expert. There is no scientific data to support her position of the transmission of AIDS."

The meeting between the activists and the station management had a hostile edge to it, Carlson told the *Bay Area Reporter*.

He said that Luckoff seemed to have a "gleam of contempt" in his eye for Ed Zold, a member of ACT UP/Golden Gate who has been a key community organizer in the issue.

Zold, who has AIDS, reminded Luckoff that he sat on the board of directors of the

non-profit Broadcast Skills Bank, which includes assisting gays and lesbians as well as other minorities break into the broadcast industry as part of its mission statement.

"Luckoff turned white when Ed mentioned that, and when he mentioned the names of the people at Capital Cities/ABC he had spoken with. They clearly thought he was just a silly creep from ACT UP and they found out he had done all this research," Carlson said.

"It seemed as though they had a personal axe to grind with me," Zold told the *Bay Area Reporter*. He blasted the station for allowing a broadcaster to intentionally spread misinformation about AIDS as a ratings ploy.

While the station apologized to Alioto, who initially asked the Human Rights Commission to mediate the incident and her aide Jerry Windley, Carlson noted that there was no apology to people with AIDS or to the

gay and lesbian community, which had also been the subject of Emerson's attacks.

Hernandez, who is the City's top medical officer, said that she "was very glad" to provide KSFO listeners with accurate information about AIDS and its transmission, and said that ignorance and fear about the disease — and the kind of baiting done by Emerson on KSFO airwaves — contributed to violence in the community.

The station contacted her last week, she said, after initially providing a "curt reply" to an earlier letter from the Department of Health, complaining that Emerson's views were medically inaccurate and that the public was being misinformed.

"Promoting hatred and fear and calls for quarantine really do create unrest. It's hard to believe that in 1995, you'd hear that on a radio station in San Francisco," Hernandez said. ▼

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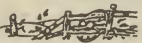
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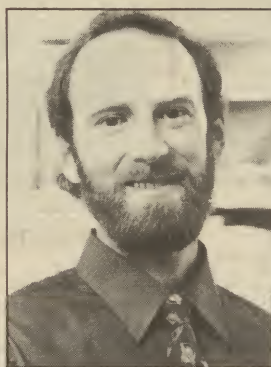
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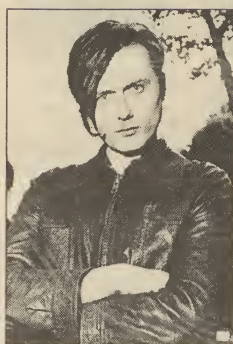
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London Suede
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by Adrian Roberts

Like most halfway-decent British bands, London Suede had their 15 minutes. Shoved into the blinding glare of the spotlight, accolades were heaped upon the band's skinny shoulders by their country's adoring music press. Hailed as the "Next Big Thing," they in fact, were. Of course, that was two years ago. Their second album, *Dog Man Star*, was released late last year to considerably less acclaim.

This is unfortunate because the album, in many respects, is much better than their 1993 self-titled debut. Oh sure, there's that minor annoyance of the band changing its name for stateside releases (a D.C. female folk singer named Suede laid claim to the group's moniker over a decade ago). But beside that, the band has done a fabulous job of skirting the so-called "sophomore jinx" — the phenomenon wherein a band releases a stellar debut record only to follow it up with

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by Daniel Mangin

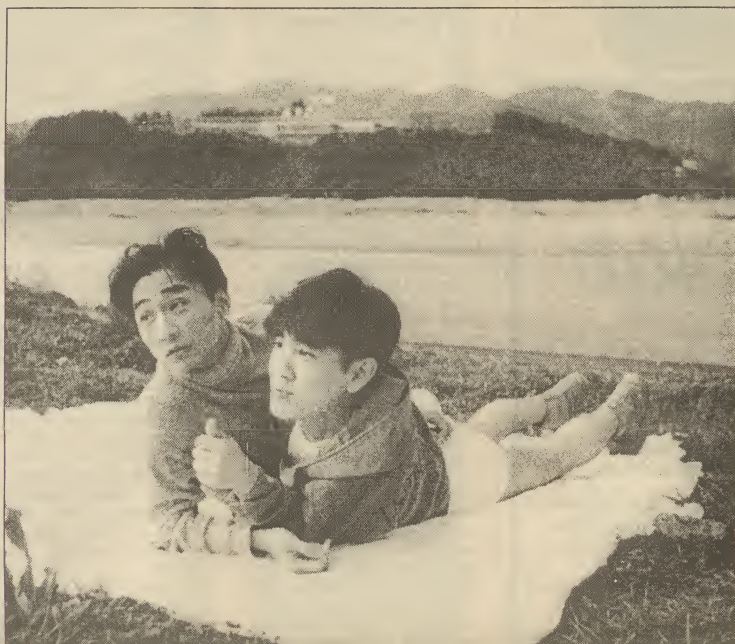


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Scene from *I Like You, I Like You Very Much* by Hiroyuki Oki

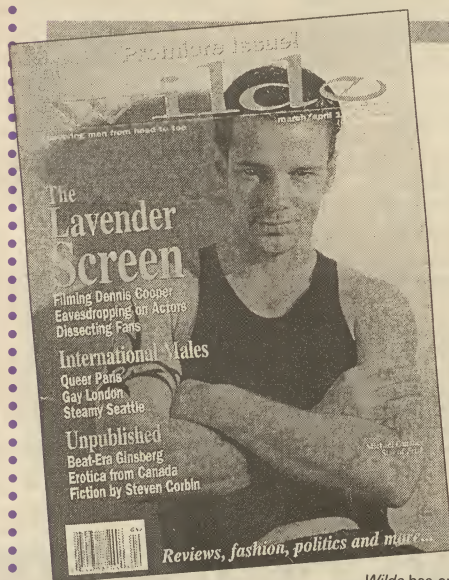
Queer artists have become increasingly visible at the San Francisco International Asian American Film Festival in recent years. The 13th edition of the event, March 2-9, continues the trend.

Pratibha Parmar, Nick Deocampo, Quentin Lee, Toichi Nakata, and Hiroyuki Oki are all participating with U.S. or San Francisco premieres. In addition, the SFIAAFF is reprising several works, three of them in the "International Queer Boys (In Shorts)" program, that were presented at other local festivals in 1994. Below are reviews of three featured works, all of which are playing at the Kabuki (where complete festival schedules are available).

Youthful gay desire

I Like You, I Like You Very Much is a moody evocation of youthful gay desire. Experimental filmmaker Hiroyuki Oki's film is a cleverly assembled piece that's by turns tortured, near-pornographic and occasionally

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Wilde has an ambitious editorial aim.

New Magazine Blends Erotica,
Politics and Culture

Running 'Wilde'

by Wayne Hoffman

The past few years have witnessed a boom in America's gay magazine industry. From *Out* to *Urban Fitness*, we've seen 'em all. Some have stayed around longer than others, but most have gone some distance in proving that humor, art, fashion, politics and health are big concerns for gays and lesbians.

Ironically, somewhere in the mad rush for national advertisers and mainstream respectability, one cen-

tral component of the elusive "gay lifestyle" has nearly vanished: sex.

John Fall, editor of the new national magazine *Wilde*, intends to change all that. *Wilde*, which premieres this month, will integrate gay male erotica, short fiction (and even naked men) in a publication devoted to gay culture, politics and media. Fall's toughest challenge is to make the magazine cohesive and appealing without turning it into a brown-bag porno mag.

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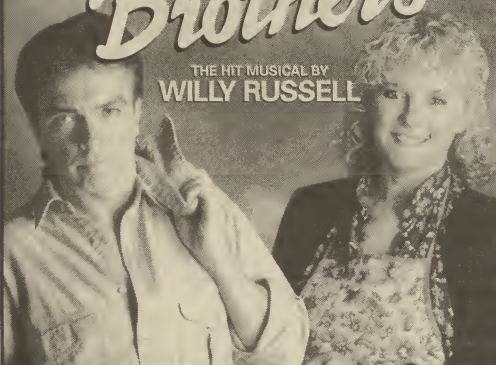
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OUT THERE



Pratibha Parmar



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Language Is a Virus: When Laurie Anderson was in town last week, she got a chance to meet local Digital Queers co-chairs Karen Wickre and Tom Reilly for a brief chat about nets and webs and dot coms. This meeting of the minds was engineered by Voyager's Jonathan Porter. Anderson's tour (which will evolve into a CD-ROM) is being sponsored by Voyager, which, you may recall, is currently battling Apple over the inclusion of positive mentions of homosexuality in one of its CD-ROMs.

The Hills Are Alive With the Sound of Human Rights: Laurie Anderson was also seen huddling with International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commissioner Julie Dorf. Dorf and former IGLHRC colleague Russ Gage (who relocated to Philadelphia last year) are currently in production on a queer benefit CD and have signed titles from about 20 queer and straight artists. Local music maniac Adam Block lent a hand with the project and got contributions from a few of his pals including U2 frontman Bono (doing a cover of Elvis Presley's "Can't Help Falling in Love") and Billy Bragg. Other artists include Everything But the Girl, Betty and Indigo Girls.

He Wasn't Gay, He Was a Lesbian: The Indigo Girls are also in the news this week due to their participation in Epicure Records' newly released version of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's *Jesus Christ Superstar*. The double-CD set also features music from several other bands on Epic's Daemon Records label. The production stars Emily Sillers as Mary Magdalene and Amy Ray as Jesus! Proceeds from the project will benefit education organizations and community outreach programs to eliminate gun violence.

Go Ask Alice: *The Brady Bunch* wound up as last week's top draw at the box office, taking in a cool \$15 million over Presidents' Day weekend. We can't help but wonder how Hollywood's rendering of the stupidest sitcom of the '70s might have looked under the direction of *Go Fish* director Rose Troche (faithful readers may recall last year's *Out There* scoop that Troche had been asked to helm the film and turned it down).

Positive Lesbian Role Models: Troche's former partner in film, Guinevere Turner, is set to star in an upcoming secret HBO project. We can't tell you what it is, but fans everywhere can look forward to seeing Miss Turner in bondage and black lingerie. Some lucky lesbians may have caught Turner's surprising appearance on HBO's recently aired *Taxicab Confessions*. Attempting to pick up a female cabbie at 4:30 a.m., she was captured by HBO's cameras. The girls will also want to keep an eye out for Turner's appearance on an upcoming "Lesbian Chic" episode of *The Rolanda Show*.

Entertainment Tip O' the Week: This year's Asian American International Film Festival is looking good and queer as usual. Toichi Nakata will be in town with his *Osaka Story - A Documentary* (March 3), and Pratibha Parmar will bring her new short narrative *Memsahib Rita* (also March 3). Also look for Hiroyuki Oki's *I Like You, I Like You Very Much* (March 7), Hima B.'s *Straight for the Money* (March 6) and *Speaking for Ourselves: Portraits of Lesbian & Gay Youth* (March 4).

Ever-vigilant watchdog organization GLAAD announced the winners of its Sixth Annual

Media Awards last week in New York. Singled out for recognition were TV shows *Roseanne* and *Frasier* and movies *Go Fish* and *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*. In addition, GLAAD bestowed its Outstanding Album award on *Disappear Fear* for their self-titled recording on Philo/Rounder Records. Other music-award winners included Melissa Etheridge (best video - "I'm the Only One") and the Indigo Girls (best song - "This Train Revised").

In other GLAAD news, *Variety* reports this week that NBC's *Law & Order* is the target of our gadfly's wrath because of last week's episode, which GLAAD said was tantamount to queer bashing. The episode in question involved two police detectives who interviewed a lesbian couple raising a child. One of the officers equated being raised by a gay couple to being raised by "two alcoholics." He also said that having one mother was plenty because his "dad enough ball-breaking to last a lifetime." GLAAD called the remarks homophobic, but the show's producer called the charge a "hysterical overreaction."

Hello, Denzel?: Seems like everybody in Hollywood these days is working on a script or a movie with a gay character. (Hmmm, how long will this trend last and just how deeply will it express itself in the movies?) Case in point: *Variety* reported last week that Vanguard Films (*The Thin Blue Line* and *Sarafina*) is putting finishing touches on a contract for a film about a black gay New York detective (named Detective Love) who is assigned to investigate a series of killings involving Mafia bosses. The film will be called *A Queer Kind of Love*. We hope Denzel Washington's phone is ringing right now. We think it's about time he expanded his reportedly enormous potential. ▼

Mark Finch Remembered

Mark Finch, programmer of San Francisco's acclaimed lesbian and gay film festival since 1992, was remembered by colleagues, city officials, friends and family members in a memorial service at the Castro Theatre on Sunday, Feb. 26.

The 90-minute tribute reviewed Finch's accomplishments both in his native England, where he worked for the British Film Institute, and in San Francisco, where his success with Frameline, the producers of the SFILGFF, has been widely recognized. Speakers painted a vivid portrait of a witty, creative man with a unique appreciation for American pop culture. The personal struggles that led Finch to take his own life in early January remain elusive.

The service began with a welcome from comedian Marga Gomez. "Mark liked me to host," Gomez told the Sunday morning crowd of several hundred.



Mark "Aiva Nidnacs" Finch

She was followed by Finch's friend and roommate, Ron Zuckerman, his predecessor at Frameline, Michael Lumpkin, who graciously acknowledged Finch's contributions to gay and lesbian film exhibition, British critic and friend Judith Williamson, and Jenni Olson, former festival co-programmer who co-wrote with Finch the *B.A.R.'s Out* column. Olson also contributed a montage of Finch home videos mixed with his favorite scenes from trash TV. Former Frameline Executive Director Tom DiMaria compiled a moving photo montage set to *Everything But*

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MEDIA

'Wilde'

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"It's all woven together," assured Fall in a recent interview. "We're definitely trying to make it one whole piece of cloth instead of two separate subjects put together on the same plate. The erotica will occur naturally in the book."

In addition to erotic stories, *Wilde* will include nude male photo essays — even a centerfold. Fall notes that the magazine will more likely appear on newsstands between *Honcho* and *Drummer* than *Ten Percent* and *Vanity Fair*. But, claims Fall, that won't hurt *Wilde*'s image.

"I think a lot of people will call it pornography, and I don't have a problem with the word pornography. It's not a bad word to me. I also know that the word doesn't exist in a vacuum, but I don't think *Wilde* will be obscene. It will be erotic."

Bring on the boys

Wilde's publisher, former gay porn star Scott O'Hara, also publishes the gay sex quarterly *Steam*, for which Fall once worked as a contributing editor. So when the two men hooked up to work on *Wilde*, they already had a working knowledge of how to market a gay erotic magazine. While Fall acknowledges that the inclusion of naked men may alienate some readers, he confesses with no visible love lost that these are not his target readers anyway.

"Some people will look at it and say this is pornography and not pick it up, but we're not out to please those people," he says. "We're out to please people who want to look at naked men and who want a magazine that covers general interest subjects."

While the naked men have attracted the most attention, *Wilde* also plans to cover other features of community interest. The premiere issue includes a look at Dennis Cooper's movie *Frisk*, an interview with drag performer Pussy Tourette and poetry by Allen Ginsberg. The full-color bimonthly will also include regular columns by sex advisor Pat Califia and Reggie Williams, the former executive director for the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention.

But Fall says he's not interested just in celebrity writers. As a former publisher of small 'zines on the West Coast, he knows that little-known writers often have the freshest perspectives. "There are a lot of people out there with a lot of good ideas who don't have the chance to have those ideas heard," notes Fall.

Advertisers fear gay porn

Even if famous writers were writing for *Wilde*, convincing sponsors to advertise in a gay periodical featuring erotic photography is anything but easy. Fall admits that attracting real advertising money will be a serious hurdle; in the meantime, a few gay companies have placed ads, and the relatively steep cover price (\$5.95) will help offset the cost of producing a 90-page color magazine.

Once *Wilde* establishes a reputation, Fall hopes national advertisers will come on board. After all, it isn't pornography per se that scares advertisers off; they advertise in *Playboy* and even *Playgirl* regularly. It's specifically gay pornography



The premiere issue of *Wilde* will feature an interview with Pussy Tourette.

that is the problem.

Fall hopes that *Wilde* will find advertisers and attract a large audience — its initial press run of 45,000 is comparable to the more established *Ten Percent* and *Genre* — by appealing to "the whole gay man." Fall does not see his publication as a rival for long-standing popular magazines, but rather hopes to complement them, resulting, finally, in a more complete picture of gay men's interests.

Widening the lens of gay erotica

If it seems a novel idea to bring porn into the fold of a lifestyle magazine, it's hardly new. A quick look at old porn mags from the '70s, like *Mandate*, is enough to remind readers that in the days before gay lifestyle magazines existed in anything like today's numbers, issues like gay news, arts and culture were covered in porn magazines between the photo spreads. *Wilde*, then, is reminiscent of porn magazines of the past more than it is prescient of lifestyle mags of the future.

With one important caveat. *Wilde* will differ from other gay pornographic magazines in a very significant way: the men it features. Instead of focusing on men who star in gay porn videos or strippers who look like Marky Mark gym clones, *Wilde* hopes to widen the lens of gay erotica.

"We're featuring the men who don't model for a living or who aren't porn stars," says Fall. "The guys we feature are from the community, so to speak, guys who are holding down jobs and have no compunction about being featured nude in a magazine."

"We also hope to really broaden the representation of desire for gay men," he continues. "We're not going to focus on the calendar-card-coffee-table-book types who are always white and obviously work out every day. Sometimes I'm sure we will feature someone like that, but there will be a mix. There will be people of color, people who don't work out, and people with body hair."

If Fall seems bent on challenging the norms for both porn and lifestyle mags, he's also confident that this shift in desirability will be welcomed by gay men who are tired of seeing the same body types in gay magazines and advertisements.

"I've had a really good reaction to that concept," he says. "Gay men and bisexual men want to see people who look

like them and the people they're dealing with every day. We're not all dating Bob or Rod Jackson-Paris. I think we want some acknowledgment that the people we're dating can be sexy and often are sexy." ▼

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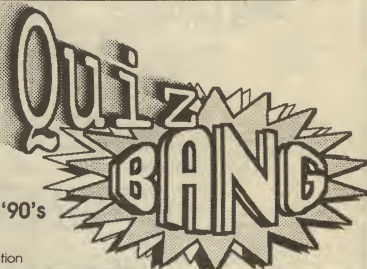
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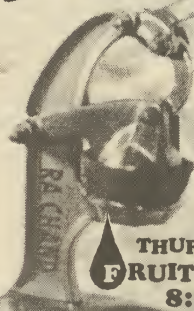


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From Greg Louganis to 'Batman'

A Day in the Life of a Queer TV Junkie

by Alan Frutkin

TV viewers can be guaranteed that as soon as Olympic heartthrob Greg Louganis wraps up the TV promotional tour this week for his new autobiography (it's called *Breaking the Surface*), the subject of AIDS will disappear from newscasts like a hot potato. Last week's Louganis buzz proved once again that when broadcast media want to make a story happen on American television the best way to secure an audience is to use an athlete. Remember Magic Johnson? Arthur Ashe? The sad lesson here is that without someone sexy to sell it, AIDS is no longer a story that guarantees high ratings. Now back to O.J.

Bottom lines notwithstanding, the only way queers can be assured that our stories get told is to keep putting pressure on the broadcast media. Whether it's a lesbian parenting story or one about the latest advances in AIDS research, we must make the straight media tell these stories. If not, we have to find a way to tell them ourselves. Oddly enough, with more queer images on TV than ever before, a definable history of gay imagery is beginning to emerge within the medium. It becomes clearer to see everyday.



Photo: Elmer Hopejoy

Liberace on '60s *Batman*: TV is a virtual museum of queer imagery.

Case in point: While surfing the airwaves one weekend, I caught sight of Liberace on an old episode of *Batman* prancing around in all his glory as special guest-villain Chandell. The next day—same bat time, same bat channel—Ethel Merman appeared on the show as the evil Lola Lasagna.

Now if, as we all know, *Batman* was created as self-con-

scious camp—I mean look at those camera angles, listen to that stilted dialogue—and if, as Susan Sontag says, queers constitute "the most articulate audience of camp," then both Liberace's and Merman's appearance on the show add layers of gay subtext to an aesthetic that is already decidedly gay.

In any case, as cable TV con-

tinues to broaden the landscape of available programming, queer images on the tube are becoming so routine that you can actually sit on your couch for 10 solid hours and be guaranteed a queer image of some sort every hour on the hour.

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Pretend, for a moment, you take a late lunch at work, and you don't go back to the office. It's 2 p.m. and you tell your boss you're not feeling well. You leave work, stop off at the local market for a couple tins of Jiffy Pop and head home, ready for a relaxing half-day in front of the tube.

I suggest we start off with my all-time favorite gay character, Russell (David Marshall Grant) on *Thirtysomething* (Lifetime, 3 p.m.). Handsome, intelligent, and an artist, Russell is as authentic a gay character as you'll find on TV. Of course, the 4 p.m. slot may require a bit more imagination on the viewer's part. Now, we all know *Ricki Lake* (KRON) is perhaps "talk's" biggest fag hag, but that doesn't guarantee she'll opt for a gay subject on every one of her programs. So in the reserve 4 p.m. slot is *Sesame Street* (KQED)—after all, Bert and Ernie are lovers.

At 5 p.m., *El's Gossip Show* should provide you with ample queer dish from the *Village Voice's* openly gay columnist Michael Musto and *Premiere* magazine's way-fey Ted Casablanca. Outed local broadcast mogul Jim Gabbert airs *The Beverly Hillbillies* at 5:30 on KOFY/20. (Who can resist the lesbian wiles of closeted Nancy Kulp's Miss Hathaway?)

At 6 p.m., catch "out" lesbian Amanda Bearse on repeats of *Married ... with Children* (KTVU). Next, old *Roseanne* repeats on KBHK, with its two gay characters, Leon (Martin Mull) and Nancy (Sandra Bernhard).

7 p.m. - 1 a.m.

At 7 p.m. it's on to Comedy Central for *Soap* and Billy Crystal's portrayal of gay character Jodie Dallas. At 7:30 p.m. jump over to Channel 9 for that British sales queen on *Are You Being Served?*



It's now 8 p.m., five hours have passed since your eyes have been glued to the set, and you still have the evening before you. Since there's a window of opportunity here—nothing terribly gay is on in this time slot—take advantage of this down time and throw that stale piece of pizza in the microwave. But make sure you're back in time to catch Agnes Moorehead at 8:30 p.m. on *Bewitched*. Who knows, maybe Uncle Arthur (Paul Lynde) may pop up.

At 9 p.m., switch to *fx* for a glimpse at one of the '80s few gay characters, *Dynasty's* Stephen Carrington (Al Coey and Jack Coleman). And stay tuned to *fx* at 10 p.m. for "Mens On ..." skits on two episodes of *In Living Color*.

At 11 p.m., it's back to Comedy Central for a bit of drag with *The Kids in the Hall*, not to mention Toronto's favorite bar queen Buddy Cole (Scott Thompson). At 11:30 p.m., it's on to Nick at Nite for Rose Marie on *The Dick Van Dyke Show*, followed at midnight by more drag on *Monty Python's Flying Circus* (Comedy Central). To top off the evening at the half-hour, stay tuned for *Superman* (Nick at Nite).

There you have it, 10 solid hours of gay programming that you can be assured of seeing at least five days a week. And this list doesn't even touch on the new crop of gay-friendly shows popping up, like *Absolutely Fabulous* (Comedy Central) and the WB Network's (KOFY) recent entry, *Muscle*. ▼



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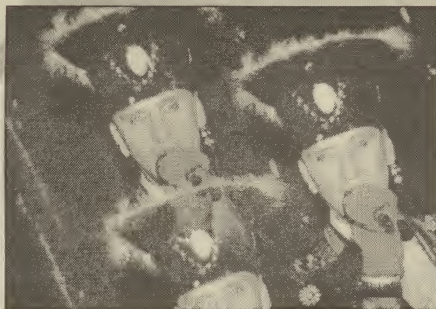
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Ethel Merman on an old episode of *Batman*.

Mark Finch

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the Girl's "Missing."

Finch's mother, Sheila Revell, brother Rowan, and Sister, Samantha, traveled from London for the service, lending familial intimacy to the memorial. His

mother recalled that even as a child Mark was special and expressed gratitude that so many in San Francisco seemed to agree. The tribute closed with a clip from Finch's favorite movie, the Bette Davis classic, *Now Voyager*.

—Paul Bollwinkler

'Angels' Sweeps Critics Circle Nominations

by Chad Jones

Film has its Oscar, Broadway has its Tony and San Francisco has its Bay Area Theater Critics Circle awards.

This year's nominations, 204 in all, honor 159 Bay Area productions from the 1994 theatrical season. Among those nominations are several notable nods to gay and lesbian theater.

Repeating its 1991 coup, when the original Eureka Theatre production of Tony Kushner's *Angels in America* earned 11 nominations, this year's A.C.T. production of the Pulitzer-prize winning "gay fantasia on national themes" has earned 11 BATCC nominations. *Angels* secured nominations for outstanding production as well as outstanding performance nominations for each of its eight cast members. *Angels* led the pack with 11 nominations, followed by Berkeley Rep's *The Woman Warrior* with 10 and A.C.T.'s *Light Up the Sky* with eight.

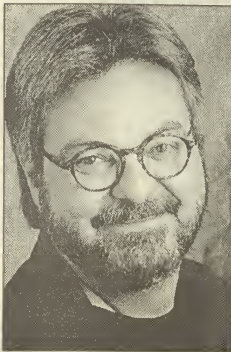
John Fisher's charming gay romance, *The Joy of Gay Sex*, which has just extended its already extended run at Fort Mason's Bayfront Theater, received nominations in two categories: Paul Tena was nominated for principal performance, male; Fisher was nominated in the original script category; and the entire cast was nominated for its ensemble performance.

Several other gay playwrights are also represented in the nominations. The Actors Theater production of gay Canadian playwright Michel Tremblay's *La Maison Suspendue* received nods for best set and for best supporting performance (male) for Louis Parnell's turn as a cross-dresser. Two of New York's finest gay playwrights, Terence McNally and Jon Robin Baitz, are represented with their plays *Lips Together, Teeth Apart* and *Three Hotels* respectively.

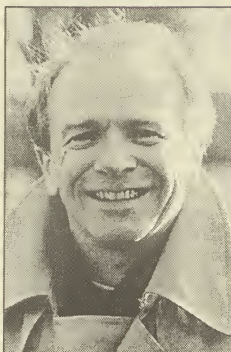
In the solo performance category, two of the five nominees are gay. Texas' Paul Bonin-Rodriguez was nominated for his touching *The Bible Belt and Other Accessories* and local favorite Steven Patterson was nominated for his erotic interpretation of Jean Genet's writings in *Beauty*. For outstanding solo musical performance, Ron Johnson earned a nomination for his one-man version of the musical *Dirty Dreams of a Clean-Cut Kid*.

In other musical categories, Henry Mach and Darien Martus were nominated for outstanding original book and lyrics and outstanding musical score for *Some Love*, their follow-up to *Dirty Dreams*. Also nominated for original musical score was Mark Sargent of the defunct Artfull Circle Theater for his score to the drag western extravaganza *Way Out West*.

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On Friday, May 12, 1995 Three Snaps Up Presents will have its 2nd annual exclusive gay and lesbian private party (Pride Friday) at Paramount's Great America. This year admission includes unlimited use of all attractions including TOP GUN, VORTEX, GRIZZLY, THE EDGE, TIDAL WAVE, DAYS OF THUNDER, THE REVOLUTION AND THE DEMON (does not include kids rides). Also Nickelodeon, Ice Shows, and Pictorium will be available for your enjoyment. In addition enjoy special entertainment with music and dancing. We are also happy to announce new extended hours for this years event (7:00 p.m. to Midnight). If we meet our minimum guarantee of 5,000 persons we will give \$1.00 from each ticket sold to Ellipse Peninsula AIDS Services. You can also support Ellipse by purchasing a limited edition Pride Friday at Great America t-shirt. This t-shirt features a red ribbon on the front and the Great America/Pride Friday logo on top of a rainbow on the back.

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quaint.

While sexual obsession and angst are two of Oki's concerns, he's equally intrigued by the delicious tensions desire engenders. Oki's characters ponder such issues as love and monogamy, though from a philosophical standpoint neither is resolved. Oki may toy with form and he definitely presents some edgy, nonlinear imagery, but he turns out to be as sentimental as Gregg Araki was at the close of *The Living End*, posters of which adorn two or

three scenes.

Playdate: March 7, 8:30 p.m.

Melting Not

Pratibha Parmar's *The Colour of Britain* arrives on our shores at a propitious moment, what with the passage of the immigrant-baiting Proposition 187 and the current debate brewing over affirmative action.

Pat Buchanan was on TV this past weekend extolling America as a color-blind melting pot. Coming out of his mouth, the notion sounded particularly ludicrous, but *The Colour of Britain* questions whether a nation's becoming a melting pot is desirable in the first place.

Parmar looks at these concepts as represented in the arts in contemporary Britain. After several decades that have produced dramatic demographic shifts there, the "single lens" that previously defined British culture has become "fractured," says Jatinder Verma, artistic director of the Tara Arts Theatre Company.

Other lenses operate now, says Verma: "The lenses of black people from the West Indies, or black people from Africa ... from Asians, from the south continent or other parts of the diaspora."

All these lenses are British, Verma asserts, but they've been "operating in an ambivalent territory." The project of the Tara Arts Theatre Company has been to present new texts or look at existing ones, European or otherwise, through the various lenses described.

This may sound jargonistic on the page, but one of the many pleasures of *The Colour of Britain* is the vibrancy with which the stage and visual artworks Parmar excerpts illustrate the ways in which "one culture coming into contact with another extends the boundaries of both."

The type of cross-pollination Verma discusses has always occurred, though it hasn't always been acknowledged. Verma discusses the "enormous irony around" Bertolt Brecht, namely that his techniques of theatre were inspired "by his encounter with Asian theatre, quite specifically with Beijing Opera." The paradox, says Verma, is that in the past British and Western European theatre have approached Brecht as if "entirely ignorant" of these Asian influences.

All the artists in Parmar's film challenge British culture to visualize a future where difference isn't marginalized or mere-



Osaka Story

ly tolerated but embraced as a fact of life. Ultimately, the goal is the expansion of the cultural imagination - from simple things like being able to "see" beyond an Asian actor's skin when she or he performs a traditionally "white" role, or providing more diversity in roles written directly for people of color, to a recognition of the complexities of identity. Culture, as several artists state, is as much a matter of where someone feels "home" as anything to do with race or nationality.

Choreographer Shobana Jeyasingh says "the circle will have turned completely when the British Consul ... sends us [her dance company] to India as examples of British culture." Parmar presents a compelling case that the time is ripe to do so now; her conclusions are eminently applicable here.

Playdate: March 5, 5 p.m.

Careful constructions

As a Korean living in Japan, filmmaker Toichi Nakata's father found himself at sea culturally, and also emotionally and economically. He carefully constructed workable solutions both at home - setting up house with Nakata's Japanese mother - and at work as a moneylender, which *Osaka Story* - A Documentary informs us was one of the few jobs open to Koreans in Japan.

Nakata, who lives in London, went home to explore his heritage and also to explain to his parents why he chooses to live in the West and why he won't be setting up a family like they expect. He finds out all sorts of things about his family he never knew or never fully knew.

Osaka Story's proceedings have the feel of soap opera. His

uncle provides Nakata with some insight into his dad's attitudes toward his mother - while father sits at his office desk running an electric shaver over his face. Father's only comment on his brother's litany is that "all families have problems." We learn that Nakata's brother was disowned by the father for becoming a Moonie (he's later reinstated when he joins the family business) and another sister was abandoned for marrying a Japanese (which was no different from what her father did).

The father's treatment of his daughter is the least of his hypocrisy - all along he's had a second family in Korea, of which the Japanese one has been vaguely aware. The father is not speaking to his own sister, apparently because she attempted to help his wife try to block his Korean marriage. Toichi's mother did not follow up on her sister-in-law's advice.

Although he never can bring himself to tell his father the complete truth about being queer - ironic, since he traipses around for several weeks ferreting out his dad's story - he does come to understand the sense of displacement his father felt living in a nation that didn't welcome him. The elder Nakata tells Toichi that he likes neither of his homelands but feels somewhat happier in Korea. Though Toichi's sympathies lie totally with his mother, he does accept the emotional, if not the moral, logic of his father's actions.

As with his previous documentary, *Minoru and Me*, about a friend with cerebral palsy, Nakata pushes his subjects to the limit (though not himself when he becomes the subject of his piece). A call to his mother from Korea giving her the details of his father's situation there - something she's obviously accommodated with a complex system of denial - seems especially cruel.

His admission of his homosexuality to his mother occurs off-camera and, even more suspect, Nakata ends the film saying that a showdown with his father over his sexuality will have to wait until "I feel more confident as a filmmaker." If he hadn't documented his family's capacity for rationalization so convincingly, this claim would seem like a pathetic cop-out. Instead, it's a perfectly perverse note on which to close his most peculiar documentary. ▼

■ Playdate: March 3, 5 p.m.

Duras' Legend Endures

Between March 4 and April 1 the Pacific Film Archive in Berkeley will present a rich selection of films written and/or directed by Marguerite Duras, famed French novelist and, in the words of critic Annette Michaelson, "the most impressive talent at work in Europe's independent cinema." Included in the program are such classics as *Hiroshima Mon Amour*, *India Song*, *Moderato Cantabile*,

Nathalie Granger, *Such a Long Absence* (winner of the Grand Prize at Cannes in 1961), *The Truck*, *The Death of a Young English Writer* and more. The film and video screenings are presented in the PFA's George Gund Theatre, located in the University Art Museum at 2625 Durant Avenue, one-half block west of College Avenue in Berkeley. For information about the days and times of the screenings, call 1-510-642-1412. ▼



Marguerite Duras

FILM

Sex Workers Speak Out in 'Straight for the Money'

Straight for the Wallet

by Steve Greenberg

One of my first roommates in San Francisco was a lesbian who absolutely shocked several of our mutual acquaintances when she came out as a hooker. "What kind of lesbian fucks men for money?" I recall someone asking. "Well," I snapped back, "what kind of lesbian would she be if she fucked them for free?"

In Hima B.'s *Straight for the Money: Interviews with Queer Sex Workers*, which plays as part of this year's Asian American International Film Festival, eight lesbian and bisexual women who work in the sex industry answer all of the important questions — except one. While Hima B. explores nearly every aspect of her subjects' lives with sensitivity, intelligence and humor, the all-important issue of money seems glossed over.

The only two fields in which women make more money than men are fashion modeling and sex work, a fact that the film's director would have been well served to explore. Not a lot comes out of the film's "Sex Work vs. 9-5" segment. It would have been enlightening to find out how much sex-workers make, on the average, if only to compare those incomes with profits made from "straight" jobs. For all the abuse many of these women talk about taking, one has to ask if it's worth it. Without knowing that, it's difficult to judge. As one woman says, "Even when you have a nice customer who's giving you five hundred dollars for a couple of hours, it's still not enough." Yet for another, "A guy stuck two hundred dollars up the crack of my ass the other night — that was a positive experience."

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There are other positive experiences. "Working in the sex industry is like working on the front lines of feminism," explains one stripper. And sex work has made some of the women understand the murky boundaries between love, sex and intimacy and has even helped them deal with relationships. However, it's not always easy to predict other lesbians' reactions.

"Butches say 'Oooohh baby' and femmes say 'How much does it pay?'" laughs one sex-worker, who credits her line of work with helping her overcome a fear of the penis. "After you've seen hundreds of them shooting cum all over a glass wall, you get over it. It's just another part of the body." Other women in the industry are not so cock friendly. "I would hate to be straight and know what I know about men," says one stripper.

Featuring some enlightening and often very funny commentary by sexperts Carol Queen, Joan Nestle, Scarlet Harlot and Annie Sprinkle (including a hysterical moment when Sprinkle's dachshund begins humping her leg while she's explaining sex work), *Straight for the Money* provides a new look at the world's oldest pro-

fession. When one prostitute recalls her childhood experience watching Gypsy Rose Lee movies on TV and wanting to "grow up strong and sexual," one realizes that's how all women in the film grew up.

This is an important film, if only because sex work says more about gender, class and money in our society than anything they'll teach you in college. Just ask any Smith grad who's stripping at Mitchell Brothers. ▼

■ Hima B.'s *Straight for the Money: Interviews with Queer Sex Workers* will be shown Monday, March 6, 9:30 p.m. at the Kabuki 8 Cinema. A panel discussion will follow the screening.



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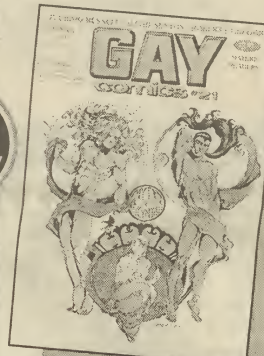
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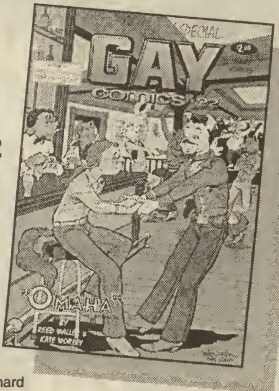


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Atom Egoyan's Mysterious 'Exotica'

Exploring the Ties That Bind

by Cathay Che

Roman Polanski once explained that his intent in shooting a scene in *Rosemary's Baby* where the character on screen is partially hidden by a doorway was to get the viewer to physically lean to the left in an attempt to see the complete frame.

Canadian filmmaker Atom Egoyan's latest film, *Exotica*, also inspires a physical response—the desire to rewind and replay scenes you've just viewed in order to more fully grasp the casual intimations being made about his characters and their relationships.

Watching *Exotica* is both challenging and frustrating. You know you're interested in this dark urban tale, but you resent having to wait so long to know the characters. And just when you're really into them, the movie is over. Many questions remain unanswered.

Why, for instance, does Thomas, a young, nerdishly awkward gay man who smuggles rare birds, continue to play-out this scene: Thomas goes to the ballet with two tickets, one for himself and one to sell to

some attractive young man. Whether or not Thomas actually likes ballet remains unclear, but during the performance, Thomas stares at the crotches of his potential companions. After the show, Thomas returns the money for the ticket to his companions, professing guilt over selling a ticket he claims he got as a gift. When the other man inevitably asks Thomas if he can buy him a drink with the returned money, Thomas, who is clearly gay and attracted to his companions, says "no" and walks away without so much as a glance back?

If that seems provocative, greater mysteries swirl around Francis, a WASP accountant in his late 30s, who entertains undefined relationships with two young women. Tracey, 16 and blonde, lives in a rough neighborhood (signified in the film by repeated swells of reggae music). She jumps in and out of Francis' car, regards him blankly, and coolly accepts his money. The other woman is worldly, dark-haired beauty Christina, who works in a strip club called Exotica. Each night she plays the role of an innocent but decidedly sexy schoolgirl who performs private dances for



Christina and Zoe share a special moment in Atom Egoyan's *Exotica*.

Photo: John Smythe

Francis that bring him to tears. As the film draws to a close, Thomas and Francis become partners in a desperate ploy that

is both passionate and foolish.

The Cario-born Armenian Egoyan is the closest thing Canada has to a Quentin Tarantino. Young, gifted and dynamic, Egoyan's past films, which include *Family Viewing*, *Speaking Parts* and *The Adjuster*, have earned great praise from critics and elder filmmakers alike. *Exotica* continues to explore Egoyan's fascination with human bonds by weaving a web of relationships based as much on shared trauma as either love, blood or convenience. And as *Exotica* reveals, sex is sometimes only an afterthought of desire.

While the ideas brought forward here are edgy and intelligent, Egoyan, who wrote, produced and directed *Exotica*, gives the film a strangely soft

feel. The concept of "the exotic" is superficially explored, as is any relation it may have to gender or race. The gay content is mundane in the context of the storyline, except for a lesbian kiss between Christina and Club Exotica's pregnant madam, Zoe. You're not sure if their brief kiss implies attachment or submission, and their relationship remains undeveloped.

For as many sexy people and potentially sexy situations *Exotica* provides, it isn't erotica. It's definitely more like foreplay, which, as we all know, can sometimes be far more satisfying. ▼

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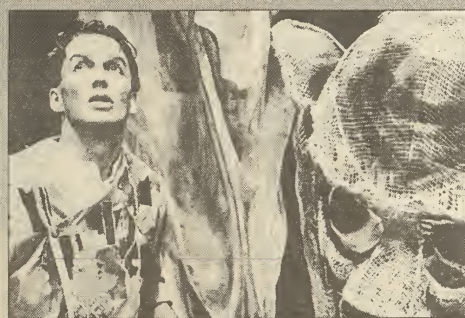
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Soul's Awakening lasts more than seven hours (3 p.m. - 10 p.m./ includes two intermissions plus dinner break), so plan accordingly. For tickets and information, call 762-BASS. ▼

MUSIC

'Sensual Classics' Music and Beefcake

by Philip Campbell

Banana Republic did it, so did Dewars, Ikea and American Express. So it was just a matter of time before a major recording company jumped on the gay merchandising bandwagon?

Doubtless, there are plenty of us in the classical-music circuit who are tickled pink to see things like Teldec's (Warner Classics) new *Sensual Classics* release, which features on its cover a photo of two scantily clad, handsome guys cuddling like there's no tomorrow. Nice as that is, however, some of us wonder what the real motive is behind this record with the sexy cover.

Actually, it's more than just the cover. There are photos of the models inside the disc (along with an offer of a companion poster) and the jewel box's plastic holder is made of pink plastic. It all adds up to a pretty full concept, but perhaps it's the faintly patronizing flavor of the ad copy that casts lingering doubts about the recording's real aims. (As for those boys, it's easier to imagine them auditioning for Madonna's back-up band than listening to a Schubert impromptu.)

First reactions aside — and I must admit some pleasure at being seriously recognized as a consumer force — we should judge the actual content of the disc to determine whether or not it's a genuine appreciation of music or simply a cynical attempt to bilk us at full retail for musical excerpts that are widely available elsewhere.

There are few complaints about the music itself. Eleven tracks and a full playing time of 75 minutes is pretty generous. Teldec's stable of respected, though hardly idolized, artists contributes slow movements from Beethoven sonatas, Chopin nocturnes and several symphonic works. None of the pieces is intrinsically gay and only one of the composers (Tchaikovsky) a known homosexual. The music isn't particularly sexy, unless a very moody atmosphere gets you hot.

The producers would probably explain that they meant to get listeners sensual not, well, physical. Advertising in *Out* and *Advocate* magazines, along with lots of promotion in the big record chains, proves their dedication to the gay aesthetic. Personally, though, I think they missed the boat by not making all the composers gay, packaging a large baton with the disc, and including numbers like *Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy*. Ravel's *Pavane for a Dead Princess* is as gay as it gets.

A rather jarring cut, out of place amongst the general sensuous gloom of this disc, is a very gushy Dvorak Slavonic Dance, which is given a curiously Montovani-like touch by Kurt Masur and the New York Philharmonic. It isn't sexy, but it is campy and a lot more fun than the balance of the disc.

It may be nice to be recognized, but if you want to create an atmosphere with classical music, it would be cheaper to tape slow movements off the radio. Skip *Sensual Classics* and cut straight to the poster. ▼

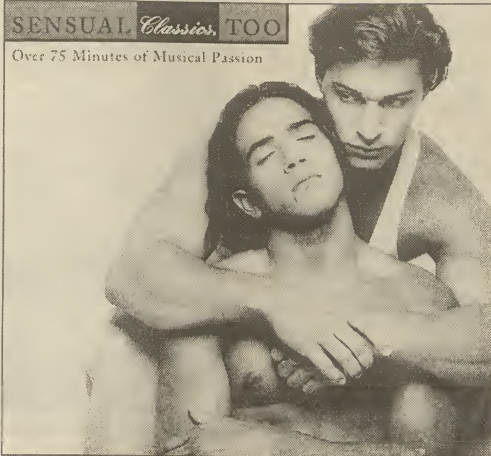



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Pretty, yes, but aren't they more Madonna than Schubert?



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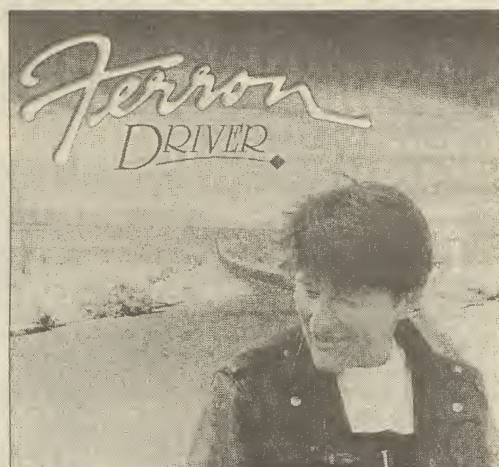
by Deborah Peiffer

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Compact discs and the way I listen to music were made for each other. My typical response to a new album is to play it over and over, for days, sometimes weeks, a method that is ruinous to tapes or vinyl records, and not so great for the sanity of my unlucky neighbors. (One terrifying weekend, I alternated between two new CDs — Vivaldi horn concerti and Aretha Franklin's *Who's Zoomin' Who?* — and I suspect my neighbors wished profoundly that I would settle on a single personality and stick to it.)

Well, I've spent the last week Ferroning myself, and having a wonderful time in the process.

I'd never listened to an entire Ferron album before her latest, *Driver*, but I've heard her enough to be able to say that this is excellent Ferron, with plenty of surprises. "Girl on the Road" is a gritty look at a working-class childhood and the special courage it takes to go on alone. And is there any truer picture of adolescence than this line from "Cactus": "When I was young I was in service to my pain. On sunny days you'd find me walking miles to look for rain."



Ferron: style, elegance and grace memorably combined.

"Call Me," which may be my favorite, is a jazzy, bluesy look at the joys of life and love among the exes: "After Sally came, it's like we fell apart ... no more hands in pockets and whispered, denim doorway talks at night ... and until the facts shine through it might be better if we just don't make a plan. But if there's anything else I can do ... why don't you call me ..." And though it may just be

fortysomething bonding, I dearly loved Ferron's paean to turning 40, "Independence Day."

Like many singers in the folk mode before her, Ferron speaks to the pain and poetry of everyday lives. That she does this with extraordinary musicality is a real gift to her listeners. I could go on, but a better idea would be to go and buy this album, and Ferron yourself. ▼

London Suede

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a rushed, mediocre effort.

Besides improved musicianship, better songwriting, and slicker production, *Dog Man Star* also displays a certain sophistication that the first record lacked. Much of the appeal of *Suede* rested with its Bowie musical stylings (Ziggy Stardust-era) and coy sexual lyrics, many of a homoerotic nature. They were a young band, wearing influences on their sleeves, with hormones-a-poppin'.

Like, really deep

So yes, they've grown up. Anxious, well-meaning moanings have given way to more mature musings. "A lot of it has to do with aspects of stardom," explained lead singer Brett Anderson in their press bio. "Using film stars as a metaphor for things like stardom and death and sex. There's references to James Dean and there's other things: loneliness and sadness. Racism crops up on 'Black Or Blue.' There's simple love songs like 'The Wild Ones.' Violence and fantasy kind of fit in. The album was written almost as one long song. What's it about? It's about aspirations, what you can be, what you are, what you were born as, lying about looking at the stars."

These are lofty pretenses for what many consider merely good rock songs. But then, Anderson has always had a healthy sense of his own importance, a fact easily evidenced by the band's live show, where he commands the stage with such presence you'd think it was his natural habitat.

You can see this for yourself on Sunday when the band plays the Fillmore. There will be one important difference though. Original guitarist Bernard Butler, who co-wrote all of the London Suede's material, left the band shortly before the recording of *Dog Man Star* was completed.

With his departure, some felt that the album was to be the

group's swan song. In many ways, Bernard was the Johnny Marr to Anderson's Morrissey, and the thought of them never penning a tune together again seemed to spell doom for the band.

The London Suede is hardly the Smiths though, and the band charged forward, finishing the record without Butler. In fact, "The Power," a soaring anthem, was recorded without him. With bassist Mat Osman and drummer Simon Gilbert, it would seem that the group has enough talent to carry on without him.

Their new guitarist, Richard Oakes, has not yet recorded with the band, so the jury's still out on his songwriting ability. But as for aping Butler's guitar lines, he seems a natural. "As soon as he found out Bernard had left the band," Anderson explains, "he wrote in with a cassette of him playing our songs and a cassette of him playing his songs. It just blew us away. We rehearsed one song with him and we said, 'You got the job, mate.'"

So what should we expect from this new London Suede? Less overt sexuality and more introspective melodrama, if the new record is any indication. Hopefully, the young, gorgeous-looking Oakes will come off less pretentiously than Butler did, who always seemed as though he was "above" playing for gushing audiences. Judging by past San Francisco performances, there should definitely be plenty of adoration and swooning — from boys and girls alike — over the charismatic Anderson. And you better believe I'll be right up front. ▼

■ The London Suede plays Sunday, March 5, at the Fillmore, 1805 Geary at Fillmore. Tickets are \$16.50. For more information, call 346-6000.

Screwing With Jesus

Margery Kempe
by Robert Glück; High
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by Erin Blackwell

Robert Glück's *Margery Kempe* is and is not about the 15th-century English religious fanatic of that name in the same way Gustave Flaubert's *Madame Bovary* is and is not about a provincial adulteress.

Both novels are autobiographies in drag, their nominal leading ladies really only stand-ins for their authors' projected fantasy selves. While Flaubert confessed the travesty extra-textually ("Emma Bovary, c'est moi!"), Glück's identification with his heroine is his book's raison d'être. Obsessed with Kempe's obsession with "the manhood of Christ," Glück "kept Margery in mind for twenty-five years but couldn't enter her love until I also loved a young man who was above me."

The historical Kempe is remarkable not only for her one-sided love affair with Jesus, but the conceptual/performance art she generated on this ecstatic theme. Kempe's signature schtick was dressing in white and weeping; she went on to document these displays in the first autobiography in English, *The Book of Margery Kempe*. She wept, contemplating Christ's passion, but also for

earthier reasons, described in the third person:

She had so much feeling for the manhood of Christ, that...if she saw a handsome man, she had great pain to look at him, lest she might see him who was both God and man. And therefore she cried many times and often when she met a handsome man, and wept and sobbed bitterly for the manhood of Christ as she went about the streets of Rome, so that those who saw her were greatly astonished at her, because they did not know the reason.

Kempe was kind of a groupie gone haywire, muscling in on a crucifixion she relived in her mind's eye and upstaging Jesus and Mary with her sorrow. Her book is an autobiography precisely because she's the star of her own fantasies, while her purported object of devotion, Jesus, is the merest pretext for her visions, her tears, her text. Part Karen Finley, part Cindy Sherman, Kempe seems to stand for the modern, untranscendent ego, too full of herself to disintegrate in rapturous contemplation of any abstract other who wouldn't love her on her own terms. As mystics go, Kempe was an exhibitionist top.

Glück uses Kempe's story in much the same way Kempe used Jesus's: for his own ends. Glück retells *The Book of Margery Kempe* as an erotic quest, in

which Jesus ministers to his worshipper's flesh: *He pulled her hair aside and drew her clit into his mouth. "It's too much." She squirmed away from the intensity. He rolled it on his tongue till he felt it rise. In a contemporary parallel, a first-person narrator details his unreasonable hunger for a younger man named L. Finally, the narrator/Margery become one in their hunt for L/Jesus: As Margery, I wake up and enter the dark street hoping to catch a glimpse of Jesus and trying to avoid him. I miss him frantically but can't face his lack of interest. I didn't know I had a cunt till he wriggled his fingers inside me.*

Just as the "real" Margery Kempe made a salad of religious ecstasy and medieval show business, Glück combines high poetry and the lower chakras to devastating effect. No one who reads his book will ever stare at a stained-glass window with the same unblinking eyes. ▼



Eartha Is Its Own Reward

by John F. Karr

Tout le Monde have been applauding Eartha Kitt at New York's posh Cafe Carlyle, where it costs \$40 to walk in the door. There's a lower tariff for the singer's current engagement at Kimball's East; gentrified though it be, Emeryville is not yet Manhattan. Even cheaper is an enjoyable new recording from DRG. Called *Back in Business*, the singer's first American-made recording in 30 years demonstrates just how vigorous the art of seduction can be.

Although it's affordable, what do you get when you get a record of Eartha? You don't get the visual, which is critical as Eartha is nearing the age of 70, and her considerable arsenal of gargles, growls and glissandos and other chicaneries has become the focus, not the accessory, of her art.

Still, this recital is well done. Eartha proves spirited in Sondheim's "Back in

Business." Though it may not be quite the perfect Sondheim number, it's an ideal vehicle for Kitt. The singer is relaxed in the cleverly restrained, slow arrangements of "Ain't Misbehavin'" and "Let's Misbehave," and she's downright languid in ballads like Ellington's "Solitude" and Carmichael's "The Nearness of You."

Although Ms. Kitt can be a bewitching *maitresse*, subjugating standards at will, I prefer a less overt domination. If it's classics of cabaret repertoire you want, recent recordings by Carol Sloane, Nancy Lammott, and

DRG's own Ann Hampton Calloway provide highly rewarding musicmaking. If, on the other hand, all you desire is a celebration of Ms. Kitt, or a souvenir of her current stage act, then *Back in Business* has no deartha Eartha. ▼

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Dancing Boy Names Daria? - Este Noche, 1/27/95. You: w/ friends red jersey. Me: w/ friend. Your still intriguing me. If still interested call and let me know. EXT 3611.

Super Bowl Party - At Midnight Sun. I said you looked like a young Robert Redford. I was bearded niner fan. We met at end of the game. Would like to talk again. EXT 3612.

The Hottest Guy In Town - Even the hottest guy in town is not worth you risking your health over. Play safe! Protect yourself & those you play with. Always wear a condom when having anal sex, & don't exchange bodily fluids. If you're HIV+, don't panic, get early treatment, talk to someone that can help, & still play safe. EXT SAFE.

Home Depot San Carlos 2/3 - Friendly smiles & banter regarding pickup truck & car. Was it more than truck envy? Let's talk. EXT 3613.

Blond w/ Little Boy - Hi! You: blond w/ thick moustache in the company of young little blond boy, your son? we met on Castro St between 18th & 19th @ 4:30 on 2/8. I was in black leather jacket w/ motor cycle helmet in hand, brown hair & moustache. We said hello a couple of times. I wasn't sure whether it was appropriate to chat. Please call. Thanks. EXT 3642.

Rolf Badlands, 2/5 - Enjoyed sharing backrubs. I think doing it again in more private circumstances would be more fun. Give me a call. Jim. EXT 4001.

Campus Theatre 2/18/95 - You: Shaved head, bandanna, glasses and nice slim build. You were w/ my buddy. I thought you were very attractive, would really like to meet you. Give me a call. EXT 1527.

SF Ballet Asian Dancer - 6pm, 2/9 Thurs, Cafe Allegro. You in red sweats buying sandwich. Me grey bear at counter; great eye contact. Please leave name/phone. EXT 4000.

R.E.I. Berkeley - Wednesday evening, 2/8, in check out line, I was in blue bottom down, staring. You in white shirt smiling, I didn't say hello. Would like to, you were terrific. EXT 4044.

Desperately Seeking Sharon - From France. We meet at last call on New Year's eve in the Castro Station. Your words offered possibility. I want to know more. EXT 1500.

Dolores Park Sun 2/19 - You had a chow chow, his name is Sam. I was near you tanning w/ a friend. EXT 1534.

SEEKING RELATIONSHIP

M-M

Me: Masculine and Attractive, Yes - Genuine, compassionate, and fun loving. Definitely! Physical description you ask? 6', 165#, 31yo, short brown hair/green eyes, clean-cut, clean-shaven, and physically fit. Other descriptors? HIV+, ambitious, masculine. You: 31-42yo professional. EXT 3614.

Bored to Death in Hayward - Long for hot times-poss. LTR. I'm 45, brn/blu, 185#, 5'10". You 35-45. Prefer blond/blue, but open to all. EXT 3641.

My Arms Hold What The World Lacks - Me: Attract, GWM, 44, 6'5", football players build. You: Attract, GWM, 21-35, slim. Good kisser a plus. Interests: Music, video, plays concerts, cabaret, fine dining. Sex: Ass-massage, lite spanking w/ lots of hugs & kisses. Teddy bear too Daddy is real lonely. EXT 3615.

HIV+ GWM Top - Needed in SF for raw penetration my submissive mouth/ass. Love a LTR w/ younger than I. Me: generous, affectionate, honest, GWM, early 50's, 5'11", 225# of love-in-waiting. EXT 3616.

HIV+, GLM, seeks HIV+ - GLM, 28, 5'8", 145# prof, sincere, healthy, bottom, not into bar scene, seeking, GWM/GLM 30-42. Someone real for LTR. Enjoy, travel, movies, home life, kissing and cuddling. NA, NS, ND. EXT 3569.

Finally Ready For Romance??? - Sincere, outgoing gay white male 6'2", mid-40s. 210#, blue eyes, trim beard, balding w/ ponytail. Spiritual seeker/teacher, former actor. Looking to date slender, slightly younger, articulate, affectionate guy w/ humor and heart. Clean and sober, nonsmoker preferred. Share movies, theater, literature and music; romance, meditation and spiritual path. EXT 3618.

GWM, 25yrs - Tall, long hair, green eyes, and attractive. Looking for GWM or Latino who is tall and attractive. Please don't respond to my ad if your life is not together. EXT 3619.

Are You A Bottom HIV+ - Who needs a strong yet sensitive top to fill you up? Well-endowed, athletic, WMM, 34, 6'2", 190#, HIV+ seeks 20-40, HIV+, muscular guy, NS for possible LTR. EXT 3620.

HIV+ Top Wanted - Needs dark hair, brown eyes, and moustache. No substitutes, no kidding! Uncut and thick? Call me quick! Ebay GWM, 33, 6', 185#, b/bt bottom seeks mellow fellow to kick back and mess around with. Possible LTR w/ Capricorn or Virgo. EXT 3621.

Good Looking Nice Guy - Gym fit, 42, 6', 190#, humorous, intelligent, single in Ebay. Enjoy mountain biking, hiking, travel, movies and cuddling. Seeking similar good looking masculine relationship oriented guy that prefers top. EXT 3638.

Masculine, but Non-Conservative - GAM, 27, 5'8", 160# tattooed, p/t student, kind, active, caring, honest, wry subtle humor, not into gay lifestyle. Likes laughter, romance, punk/grunge/ alternative music, film, art, comics, ideas. Also likes, dancing, being silly, finding garbage. Looking for cool, real person w/ similar interest for friendship and or possible LTR. EXT 3639.

Black Man 9+ Thick Uncut - Ebay, 40, 6', 200#, attractive, fit masculine, healthy, clean, HIV-, Seeks attractive very well endowed male, any race, muscular, horse hung, thick thighs, round bubble butts are pluses. EXT 4036.

Wanted: Regular Sex Buddy - Possible LTR. GWM mid-40's. Versatile w/ mutual oral preference who finds sex the morning after the night before exhilarating. Videos/movies with substance, vodka or gin, chocolate, dancing, swimming, board games, good food and good friends. EXT 3635.

Men in Tights - Looking for men who get turned on by seeing men in tights - Robin Hood, medieval costumes, Batman & Robin and ballet. Not a cross dresser, masculine, gdlng, 28yo GM looking for safe fun who shares my fetish. EXT 4002.

Has it All, Now Wants it All - This country boy from Salinas wants to meet a man. I'm 24, 6'4", 190#, light brown hair/hazel eyes, clean shaven & HIV-. Seeks a man 18-27, white/Latin/ Asian/ Black, slim & beautiful for LTR. EXT 4003.

Friend First - Sonoma County - 46, 6'1", 220#, balding would like to meet over coffee & see how we can connect to show me how the other side lives. Enjoy jazz, film, birds, outdoors. EXT 4004.

Seeking Mexicans/Latino - Me: very attractive, handsome, white/Italian, 6', 165#, tone body, dark hair/eyes, clean shaven. NS, nice teeth and fun. You: gdlng, 24-30, smooth tone body, NS, bottom, nice smile and a fun personality. Uncut a plus. EXT 4005.

Tall, Long Hair, Man Wanted - Seeking young, cool, hip guy 20-30, for North Beach cafes and friendship, pony tails a plus. You: writer, musician, poet, student. Me: 40, goatee, 235#, addicted to creative souls. Be health! Lets connect. EXT 4006.

Social/Oral Buddy? - Average, but interesting GWM, 40's, HIV-, smoker, cocktail, stache, looking, for average social GWM 30-50, cut for socializing and getting head. EXT 4009.

Financially Secure Male Wanted - by intelligent, educated, sexy, good-looking guy for relationship of fun. EXT 4007.

Gay Artist Seeking Other - artist or persons interested in the Arts or patrons who are secured financially for fun and good times. EXT 4008.

Snuggle Up - GWM, 36, 6', 165# looking for tall, lean, dark haired GWM for mutual holding, cuddling and massaging. NS, ND, facial hair a plus. EXT 4010.

Good Looking Beefy Guy - I'm 29yo, 5'9", 175#, br/gr, HIV-, smooth, hung, uncut. I'm intelligent & spiritual. I enjoy reading, working out, theatre & conversation. I prefer guys w/ same interests. Hair, beefy & older are ++s. EXT 4011.

GWM, 6'3", Brn/Haz, 40yo - clean shaven gdlng, looking to meet other masculine male 26 to 40 for relationship. EXT 4012.

How About You? - A really cool day for me would be a date at SF MOMA, then coming home, cooking dinner and enjoying it by the fireplace while listening to Lena Horne with a good bottle of wine... How about you? EXT 4013.

GAM Seeks Lovers - GAM, 39, 5'5", 108, smooth, boyish, bottom. Enjoy cuddling, kissing, sex, out doors, politics smoker. You: tall, weight proportionate, under 43, monogamous. EXT 4014.

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Tired of Being Single - Former leather man, 44, looking for househusband who is submissive and enjoys servicing sexually & domestically. Nudity a must. Prefer 28-38 well endowed, cut and smooth. The kinkier the better. JO enthusiast encouraged. Smoke OK. EXT 4015.

"Where Are You?" - I'm a very good looking Afro-American male, 28yo, gym toned, athletic, "HOT." Looking to meet a gentleman 27-31yo old, gym toned, white male. Let's work out, romance, and spend passionate good times together. Masculine, ND, into meeting a real, honest, good looking man. We'll look good together, where are you. EXT 4016.

The Sanctuary of My Heart - Handsome, kinda shy, masculine, sweetheart, humorous, spiritual, intuitive, old-fashion value, very romantic, sensual and amorous, LM, 35, 6'2", country lover, seeks white male 27 to 40 daring for monogamous loving relationship/marriage. Melt in my loving arms! EXT 4045.

Take a Chance - GWM, 31yo, blk/br, 5'8", 170#, well defined body w/ great sense of humour, enjoy outdoors, travel, NS/ND. Seeks GWM, 30-40yo, romantic, sense of humour, masculine, muscular, for possible LTR. EXT 4046.

Dominant Oral Artist - Seeks lean, toned, hairy, submissive, 40+, dark, tall, N/S, smart, clean, reliable, sensitive. You need to be devoured head-to toe by sexy, built, damned gdlng, youthful 50's top. No brutality or raunch. Oral sex or safe JO. EXT 4047.

Musc. Honest GWM - 37 looking for gdlng smooth hairless Asian. Please be honest, stable, predictable. Not into bars no games. EXT 4048.

Good Looking BM Seeks WM - Muscular, clean cut 25yo, BM seeks WM 18-35 for a date, or two or 3? Me: 6'1", 220#, rugby/football build. You: very attractive, WM, in shape, 5'10", 160#+. I'm funny & very smart, hopefully, you too. EXT 1509.

GWM, 6'3", Brn, Haz, - Attractive masculine, sincere, honest, HIV-, self-employed seeks similar for friendship or LTR, NS, ND, pluses outgoing, intuitive and ability to laugh at self. EXT 1510.

Shy but Passionate - GWM, 31, goatee, short hair, 5'11", 190#, seeks GLM or GWM for friendship, sex, relationship in that order. If you are often flawless good looks or a high income professional, skip this ad. EXT 1511.

Just Turned 40 - GWM 40, 5'10", 185#, HIV-, NS, not into bar scene, sincere, personable, witty, enjoy sports, movies, travel, outdoors wants to GBM 40-60, HIV-, NS. Size and looks not as important as stability, sincerity and heart. EXT 1512.

Need: GWM, HIV+, SF Top - To share LTR with romantic, affectionate, generous bottom. We are healthy, fun, monogamous, like drinks and candle lit dinners on weekends. Me: GWM, early 50's 5'10", 220# of intelligent love. EXT 1513.

Masculine/Mustached 40-50 - Sensitive, masc., 35, 5'8", 165#, 6'+, hunky build, hairy chest/belly, mustache, HIV+, intelligent, seeking masc., but sensitive blue-collar men 40-50 who enjoy slow but passionate sex. EXT 1514.

Divorced Dad - SHM seeks 28-40 for friendship or possible LTR. I enjoy outdoors, movies sports and being a home body at times. I am 34, 5'10", HIV-. If you are tired of the bars, I am the one to call. EXT 1515.

Horny & Loving - Relocating to Bay Area. Puerto Rican, handsome, HIV-, 43, moustache, S/P, monogamous, sincere cancerian; seeks nurturing relationship w/ man who digs my strong upper body and skinny legs. Especially attracted to redheads, Blacks & Asians, 35+, HIV+ okay. EXT 1516.

Seeking That Special Someone - GWM, mid forties, seeks fun loving, honest guy with a good sense of humor. I enjoy restaurants, going to movies, travelling, quiet evenings at home. I'm tired of being a lone and hope to meet someone special for long term relationship. EXT 1517.

Honest, Attractive, Sincere - GWM, 29yo brn/blu, 165#, 5'11", professional, enjoys out doors, but not into bar scene. I would like to meet a quality fit GWM 28-35, let's talk. EXT 1518.

GBM, HIV+, 5'9", 140# - In good health seeks to meet crafty person or artist, skill level unimportant. This common interest could provide the foundation for friendship. Prefer someone active and involved in some type of project, but all are welcome. EXT 1519.

GBM Seeks GBM - 32yo, 5'7", 140#, skin the color of chocolate. My eyes are dark. I enjoy life and all that it offers, lets enjoy life together. EXT 1520.

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HIV+ Seeks Butch Top - Cute, healthy, 25, bottom seeks hung top 21-35, HIV+, for fun nights. I'm honest, fun and adventurous. EXT 1521.

Options Open - GAM, 24, 5'7", 160# is open minded in seeking friends, relationship, or just sex. I'm cute, boyish and a top, but may be versatile for the right person. If you're under 30 and interested, call me. GWM/GLM/GAM a plus. EXT 1524.

Romantic & Spiritual GWM - 42, 5'10", 200#, stocky build, HIV-7" cut, brn/hz seeks HIV-, GWM who is passionate and spiritually aware, for intimate encounters. I enjoy massage, cuddling, safe & jo. Let's explore! EXT 1525.

Mother Told Me - Learn Spanish! Big bellied bearded bear in search of lean meat/looking Latin to teach and get acquainted. EXT 1526.

New Friend? - WM, 50, native of SF. My interests are hiking, the city, stock mkt, travel, my new p.c. movies etc. All ages welcome. EXT 1543.

The Hottest Guy In Town - Even the hottest guy in town is not worth you risking your health over. Play safe! Protect yourself & those you play with. Always wear a condom when having anal sex, & don't exchange bodily fluids. If you're HIV+, don't panic, get early treatment, talk to someone that can help, & still play safe. EXT SAFE.

Witty World Traveller - WM, HIV-, 35, top, into hiking, biking, dining, yoga, Taoism, passion, affection, humor seeks sensuous soul-mate. Shy emotional types, vegetarian, political a plus. Be straight or indistinguishable from straight. EXT 1542.

Good Things Come in Small Packages - Good looking, sexy, GWM, 5'5", 122#, fit and lean, brn/hzi, moustache, late 40s/looks 30's, smart and loving prof'l, HIV-. Want good looking, in shape man under 50 for hot sex, romance, more. Be intelligent, caring, affectionate. EXT 1541.

Sex First, Romance to Follow - The old fashioned way, GWM, 39, 150#, 5'8", avg. build, bearded and hairy, bld/bl. Gdlooking bottom. HIV+, but very healthy. NS/San Fran only. You won't be disappointed. Well endowed and uncult a real plus!! EXT 1539.

Wanted: SF GWM HIV+ Top - To service generous, affectionate, LTR oriented bottom seeking raw penetration. We: healthy, fun-loving, like weekend cocktails/dinner. Me: GWM early 50's, 5'11", 220#, of non-attitude. EXT 1536.

Bear Magazine Look - GWM, 40, hairy, husky, balding, moustache, 5'9", 195#, brown hair. I'm looking for a guy 20-30 w/ attractive boyish looks for possible relationship. I enjoy bicycling, nature, Sci-Fi, films & cuddling & safe versatile sex. EXT 1531.

Ready to Come Out - Attractive responsible mature 21yo Blk/Latino gay male, 6', 210#, looking for 30-45 masculine professional who knows what he wants in life, who can show his feelings. I'm looking for healthy 1 on 1 LTR to share 1st experience, not looking for daddy. EXT 1530.

Hopeful Romantic - Me: 41yo, 6', 185#, handsome, masculine, dark eyes, hair, mustache, hairy chest, good build, honest, romantic, passionate, sexual, giving, definitely a top, but flexible and HIV+, but extremely healthy. You: Younger, bl/br, also honest, romantic. You must enjoy long great kissing, because kissing is my favorite sport. Give me a call. EXT 1523.

SEEKING ADVENTURE

M-M

Want to Have Some Fun - Rich dad looking for great oral man. Reciprocity very possible. I'm 5'10", 48yo, 185#, handsome, hunky, well built, hung & uncult. You're 30-45yo hung & hairy a+. Equal opportunity employer. Healthy HIV+ ok. poss LTR. EXT 3600.

Hot Tongue & Cock - Well built WM, 5'11", hung big, needs in shape WM, hairy body w/ a big firm hairy bubble butt to tongue fuck & fuck. EXT 3622.

E. Bay GWM, 50 - Husky seeks in-shape studs under 40 who like oral service front and rear; no red. nec., bi, straight, hairy, uncult welcome. EXT 3624.

A Night in Heaven - Top or bottom needed. Me: 31, 5'6", 150#, 7 1/2, very hard, hairy bubble butt. You 33-45yo, gd shp, hairy prefer. I guarantee you a night in heaven. Please be masculine. EXT 3625.

Mutual Tit Works - J/O tit work, weeks days. Me: in shape mid forties. You in shape. Any age. EXT 3626.

East Palo Alto GAM 35 - Bottoms Line: Cocksucker for Guys w/ fuzzy chest bodies. Love to suck cock w/ reciprocation. Have lips will travel. EXT 3627.

98.6° Tight Throat - Begs for stretching by massive cut Italian meat. Kick back and let this handsome bld/bl choke on your man hood. Watch my head swallow your load. EXT 3628.

Hot Young German Wanted - Gdlooking professional man seeks hot young German to fire me up and teach me his native tongue. EXT 3629.

I Want To Watch - You alone w/ another or in a small group possible join in or not, your decision. Very discreet, have my own place. Call for my description and more info. EXT 3630.

AM Butt Play - Very handsome married GWM, 35 will work your hole w/ med. dildoes. No FF. You: 25-40 gd/kg, masc and very clean. Ebay only. Your place. Latino a+. Mutual poss. Lay back and enjoy! EXT 3631.

Lking, For Pushy Bottoms - 35, muscular, bld/bl, 5'11", dn-shaven, handsome top sks total btm guys 25 to 35 who are in-shape, smooth, sexy, handsome, and aggressive in bed, and can put a top in his place. Latin or Asians a plus, but not a rule. Let's talk. EXT 3623.

New York! New York! - Start spreading your legs! I'm leaving for New York on an 8 day drive away on 15th, 16th, or 17th of February. I'm looking for a fuck buddy to share petrol & motel costs & driving. Me: SGWM 23, You: wanna be a part of it. EXT 3640.

Aggie Cocksucker - East Bay GWM, 6', 180#, straw/blonde, 32, looking for 1 on 1 or groups into sucking, rimmings, gang banging. No attitude, good sense of humour. UB2 please. EXT 4017.

Athletic & Intelligent - Masculine, muscular GAM, 5'9", 165#, recent college grad WLTM, muscular GM under 40, intellectually and sexually curious. Hairy a plus. EXT 4018.

Experienced FFB - Seeks nonghted topist. Your seeing hand will be our shared bliss. EXT 4019.

All Those Suites - When I pass through the financial district I look at all the Armani and Brooks Brother types and wonder? If you're 26-40, clean shaven, wear a suite to work, and are horny, call. I'm WM, 20s, cute. You won't be sorry. EXT 4020.

On Going Encounter - Me: Ebay top, WM, 40's, gd/kg, br/hzi, 155#, trim & tight body, nice uncult 8"(GA FA/FP) easy going nice guy. You: total bottom(GA, FA/FP) gd/kg, similar size to me. Seeks Ebay men for hot safe sex, open to more. EXT 4021.

Italian Guys Wanted - By me for fun and good times. If you are hung then it is a plus, but not a requirement. EXT 4022.

Do You Like Getting Fucked Up - That you can't get a hard on? Then get greased up & talk real dirty & get a roaring boner. Intense JO, dirty talk, cock worshipping, late evening my place Ebay, no shaved cocks, no toys, no videos. EXT 4025.

House Slave Wanted - Dominant WM 33 seeking submissive house slave for complete housecleaning & sexual service. Age/looks unimportant, submissive attitude is. EXT 4023.

Manly, Husky, Non-Bearded - Bottoms: come enjoy 9 1/2" of sweet chocolate manhood. Week nights meeting in the Ebay, sincere, direct man only please. Direct contact phone # required, no voicemail, ans. machines, beepers, etc. I'm 40, 5'10", 170#. EXT 4024.

Hung Black Male 9" - Clean, uncult, 59yo, HIV-, 170#, wants submissive deep throated expert cocksucker to suck cock & milk hot cum from my big balls. Erotic massage a turn on. Your looks unimportant. Sincere please. Older preferred. Leave name, #, & time to call. EXT 4026.

Let Me Watch - Sbay. Let me sneak up to your window while you jack off your stiff dick. Me: Hispanic, gd/kg, 26. You: WM 18-30 gd/kg, masculine into showing off. EXT 4027.

Toys, Videos, FF - BM, 35, need couple or single into leather toys, FF, videos, safe clean fun, your place, can be mutual. EXT 4029.

Good Looking Boy Wants Fun - I'm tall, young, hairy and hung. If you're a top WM 30-40 who's also hung and masculine. Then let's meet. Please be HIV-. EXT 4030.

Ebay Hairy Masculine Top - Looking for daytime fuck buddy, maybe some eye's. Handsome GWM 45yo, 6', 195#, in shape, br/br, hry bear. Looking for other hry bears who like hot passionate man to man, hry chest to hry chest man sex. Hairy a must, Ebay only. Hry ass a plus. EXT 4051.

South Bay Peninsula GAM - 35, 205#, blk/bm smooth skin, seeking hairy chested guys under 40 to lay back and get sucked off. Have lips will travel. My smooth buns need to be violated rough and hand spanked, optional. EXT 4031.

Free Quality Massage - For nicely built young men who take good care of themselves. I'm 6'2", 175#, 40, gd/kg, masculine. Come stretch out on my table for a safe pleasurable experience. Sincere only. EXT 4028.

Buddy Needs - GWM, 41, HIV+, 6', 170#, 8'cut, gd/kg, 1 or more, UB fit gd/kg, porn pictures, toys enemas versatile. EXT 3637.

Psychic Paranormal Experiences? - touch into parallel realities, past lives, esoteric spiritual pursuit. Me too, lets talk. Louis Blessed Be. EXT 4032.

Here is my Fantasy - I lay naked on my bed, you walk in(door open) with a hard on, you grease my hole & blow my ass until we both cum. Age, race unimportant, size is. EXT 4033.

Butt, Oral Service Party? - One black, one white, sexy guys into total service especially hot bubble butts. If you are 18-40 like to party, get serviced, groups, maybe top, give us a call, fantasies, now is your chance Latins and Black a plus. EXT 4034.

Pacific Islander - Very friendly, new to Bay Area wants to meet White or Latin, Black, Mexican guys 30-50, HIV-, I like large versatile men who loves to be touched. I want to try every thing with you. Please call me. EXT 4035.

Tattooed Love Boy - HIV-, GWM, tall, hung, great shape wants to suck, fuck and do other nasty stuff with clean, horny, imaginative, similar guys. EXT 4037.

Older Seeks Younger - Attr GWM, 71, 5'8", 160#, seeks gd/kg 18-45 man for on going scenes: Daddy/Son, Dad/Grandson, Master/Slave, or just serious love making. EXT 4038.

Lonely on Lake Merrit - New to Oakland from S. Cal. GWM, 40, 6', 170#, br/gr, handsome & masculine, seeks cute or hot young men of color for evening or weekend oral exchange and romance. Cum share my lake front view. EXT 4039.

Are You the One? - Middle aged couple looking for a hot threesome, 45yo, 6', 195#, hry top, 52yo, 5'11", 175#, smooth bottom. Looking for sim, aged enthusiastic third. Hairy a plus. Ebay preferred. EXT 4049.

Seeking Adventure - GWM, 35yo, HIV+ healthy, 6', 160#, bld/bl, like to fulfill a fantasy jo w/ two hry guys, 30-38, body hair a plus, in shape and dominant. Let's do it! EXT 4050.

Seeking Huge Nipples - Musc. GWM, 37 seeks a gd/kg musc guy w/ huge protruding nipples to play with on a reg basis. EXT 4082.

Strip Poker - Then a shower for two with a bar of fresh spring soap. Trim masculine WM 39 wants to meet masculine lean bodied guys 20-39. EXT 1501.

Hot and Horny Stud - Seeks similar. I'm 5'4", 150#, blond, gym toned and down to earth. I'm a hungry oral expert. Young and lean a plus. EXT 1505.

Horny In Hayward - Very attractive, masculine, 39yo, married man seeks periodic rendezvous (your place) with a handsome, versatile, young man with facial hair. EXT 1502.

Two Heads are Better Than One - Unparalleled oral service for adventurous average to muscular men 18-45. Two GWM experts are available and eager to drain you. We are both fit, clean and sane and enjoy oral encounters. Call for more info and descriptions. EXT 1503.

Mauli, HAWAII Seeks Friends - 38yo (look much younger) GWM: 5'5", 128#, HIV+, and very healthy. Very gd/kg and love life. I visit SF often or if you are visiting HI lets connect, lets write, pen pals, visit, etc??? Who knows? 1504.

Young White Bottoms Wanted - By 50yo GWM, 6'0", 155#, dark brn hair, brn eyes, glasses, big 9" cock. I want to fuck young white guys under 40 with smooth bodies and nice tight asses. EXT 1506.

Gay Asian Male From Sacto - GAM looking for good top. I'll do anything to please you, anything you want. I'm 5'9", 160#, needing to get flogged, 36yo w/ little experience, smooth body, looking for GM who is very hung and very hot, my ass is waiting for you. Open my hole, fill my butt. EXT 1507.

Ferretting Tall Furry Tops - Fit 44 foster frequently feasting on trestled trunk thickets transfixed by you timber in my tensile tunnel. Tabulations and thermal features to be tendered to exit. EXT 1508.

Boysy? "Nasty"? - Looks like an innocent young boy but aren't!? into sweaty raunchy safe fun? like excitement? sometimes cuddly? reasonably sane? HIV-, forties, furry, fun. EXT 1509.

Got a Relationship, Need Fuck Boy! - 37, GWM, 6', 210#, br/hz w/ stache & goatee sks boy next door for reg. plowing. UR 18-36, toned, HIV+, healthy, WH/Hs/Eur/Asian, w/ gr8 ass. Tan lines & long hair are pluses, gr8 ass a must. I'm masc, mod hairy, daddy type. I love vanilla 2 kink w/ right person. Discretion assured. EXT 1540.

Have It His Way - Surrender control to this handsome, Hawaiian/Latin hunk, 34 w/ smooth, chiseled muscular body, love to pump your face and butt. Will make you cum helplessly. Or would you like to get tied up and used enthusiastically??? You: cute, trim or muscular. EXT 1537.

Masculine Athlete - Wants similar for fun or training. I'm tall, clean-cut and well hung. If you're a healthy, well-scrubbed jock call. EXT 1535.

Let's Wrestle - Very handsome, masculine, GWM seeks other well built guys who are turned on by rasslin'. Open to all fantasies and skill levels. No heavy rough housing, just a friendly and erotic struggle for dominance. EXT 1532.

Asian Action - I want to meet Asian, young, hairless ass, uncult big head cock for buddy booth sucking action. Call and leave a contact number and we'll meet at a video cinema. EXT 1529.

San Jose Man Seek Friends - 28yo, attractive, GBM, 160#, lives in San Jose, seeks gay Bi or straight friends in San Francisco. Someone who enjoy movies,

dancing, going out to dinner coffee or other social events. Leave message. Race unimportant. EXT 1528.

FETISHES

X-Tra, Hairy Bear - 6'3", 220, 30yo, seeks another masculine bear for jo buddy and butt sniffing pal. EXT 3632.

The Hottest Guy In Town - Even the hottest guy in town is not worth you risking your health over. Play safe! Protect yourself & those you play with. Always wear a condom when having anal sex, & don't exchange bodily fluids. If you're HIV+, don't panic, get early treatment, talk to someone that can help, & still play safe. EXT SAFE.

Bare footin - Gd/kg, masc., bearded, Ebay, GWM seeks men into reciprocal licking, kissing, smelling, caressing our clean, moist barefeet. I'm HIV-, NA, ND & I like all over body play & indulging ourselves by mutual barefoot action/fantasy/JO. I'm 5'9", 140#. East Bay area preferred. EXT 3633.

Foot Fetishist/Cock Slave - If your hung big w/ sexy feet & dick and want older bottom hairy bear, HIV- to service them at your command, I'm here for you. Like hot sexy clean master from 37 to 60, Ebay, sincere, men only. EXT 4040.

Jack Offs - WM, 28yo, looking to meet other guys who are into jacking off, show offs, mutual JO, video's & possible oral w/ the right person. EXT 4041.

Take the Challenge, If You Dare? - R U into dirty talk but tired of phone sex? Into jo but meet fuckers/suckers? Into buddy to buddy action, but meet top bottoms? Into getting wasted, but meet tee totalers? Then let's party, my place (Oakland, share costs), 10-11pm. No shaved cocks pleases EXT 4042.

Aaron - Your tel# incomplete. Please call again. Submissive asshole. EXT 4043.

GWM Seeks Top into WS - I'm a slim, fit, young early 50's bottom ready to explore WS with a creative dominant partner. We are both HIV-, healthy, sane, and ready. EXT 4053.

Submissive Asshole - WBD sling, toys, tools, gloves, seeks heavy duty ass trashin', topist. WM, in shape, 59, 5'11", 170#, tats, piercings, short, s/p beard & hair. Any age, race, size. Top cpls welcome. EXT 1538.

COUPLES

Couple Seeks Safe Fun - GWM couple 40yo, 5'10", & 34yo, 5'11", 140#, both HIV-, seeks safe encounter(s) w/ other couple or single men under 40 and slim. Especially Asians, but all races welcome. EXT 1533.

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Do You Need? - Clean house boy, gardner, errands, or just a boy for fun, very hard 7 1/2, great bubble butt, excellent body. Dark hair. P.S. I'll do your house cleaning naked. EXT 3634.

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Omewanne Grimstone as Nico at Bernice St. Playhouse,
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& Sat. thru 3/11. \$10. 8pm. MCC/SF, 150 Eureka St. **863-4434.**

The Joy of Gay Sex

John Fisher's play about sex and sexual politics in an extended run, thru 3/24. \$15. 8pm. Bayfront Theatre, Bldg. B, Fort Mason. **776-8999.**

June Bride

Sara Felder's one-woman show about a Jewish lesbian wedding has juggling, balancing and sharp knives. Wed.-Sun. thru 3/26. \$12. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. **861-7933.**

The Last Yiddish Poet

A Traveling Jewish Theatre's new production. Thurs.-Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 2 & 7:30pm thru 3/5. \$12-15. Project Atraud, 2800 Mariposa St. **399-1809.**

MAX

Men's Associated Exchange: afterwork cocktails. \$5. 6-9pm. The City Club, 155 Sansome St. **442-1994.**

Nico, My Empty Pages

Life of the late singer/actress, written and performed by Omewanne Grimstone. Thurs.-Sat. thru 3/25. \$10. 8pm. Bernice St. Playhouse, 21 Bernice St. **863-5946.**

Patrick Murphy Is Not Promiscuous

Gregory O'Neill's solo performance piece: adventures as a "full-body" masseur. Fridays thru March. \$10. 10pm. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. **861-7933.**

Pineapples

World premiere of new comedy by Jane Stoworthy Smith. Thurs.-Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 2pm thru 3/17. \$16-18. Actors Theatre of SF, 533 Sutter St. **296-9179.**

Quiz Bang

Game show full of gay trivia. 3/3-4, Mondays from 3/13. \$15. 8pm. Cable Car Theatre, 430 Mason St. **956-TIXS.**

Say Grace

World premiere of Gary Leon Hill's drama: back to Nebraska. \$17-23. Wed.-Sun. thru 3/12. 8:30pm. Magic Theatre, Bldg. D, Fort Mason. **441-8822.**

Sexual Art

"Photographs that Test the Limits" by Michael A. Rosen, transgressive images of non-standard penetration. Opens tonight, 7-11pm, \$5. Exhibition runs Sat.-Sun., 1-6pm, thru 3/19, \$2. Mark I. Chester studio, 1229 Folsom. **292-3223.**

Show and Tell I

Performers who write: Justin Chin, Maria St. John, Susan Van Allen. \$5. 8pm. Small Press Distribution, 1814 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. **(510) 549-3336.**

Temporarily Yours

Tom, W. Kelly's one-act about a fiercely resolute PWA. Thurs.-Sat. at 8pm thru 3/4. \$10-12. New Conservatory Theatre Center, 25 Van Ness Ave. **861-8972.**

SA

Beer Bust

ILGA (Irish Lesbian/Gay Assn.) fundraiser for participation in St. Patrick's Day parade. 3-7pm. Lone Star Saloon, 1354 Harrison. **863-9999.**

Gay Comedy Night

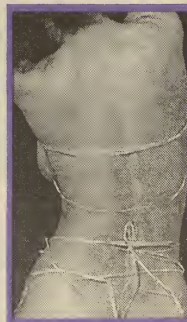
Amy Shuklan, Darrick Richardson, Betsy Salkind. \$10. 10pm. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. **861-7933.**

A History of Homosexuality

"In Six Scenes" a new comedy with music by John Fisher. Sat. & Sun. thru 3/26. \$15. 8pm. Bayfront Theatre, Bldg. B, Fort Mason. **776-8999.**

Lagrimas y Sonrisas

Galeria de la Raza opens its 25th year with multimedia exhibit organized by (Re)Generation Project,



Photography by Pamela Brody at Mad Magda's Russian Tea Room,
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curated by Armando Rascon. Tues.-Sat. 1-6pm thru 3/25. 2857 24th St. **826-8009.**

Land of Dreams

Exhibition of oil paintings by Russian expatriate painter Pasha Polikarpov. Fri.-Sun. 12-5pm thru 3/26. Artists Gallery, 4076 19th St. **626-2070.**

Leather and Lashes

Film and video exploring pleasure thru pain, includes "The Elegant Spanking" by Maria Beatty, and Michelle Handelman's peek at SF women's leather community. \$5. 8:30pm. ATA, 992 Valencia. **824-3890.**

Love Needs Care

5th annual benefit auction and party for the Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. \$25 advance, \$30 door. 8pm. Minna St. Gallery, 111 Minna. **487-3660.**

Mardi Gras Celebration

Ten year anniversary of Face to Face/Sonoma Co. AIDS Network. Cajun food, music, casino. \$10 advance, \$12 door. 7pm. Sebastopol Veterans' Bldg., 282 High St., Sebastopol. **(707) 544-1581.**

Holly Near

Folksinging from the heart. \$15-18.50. 8pm. Luther Burbank Center for the Arts, 50 Mark West Springs Rd., Santa Rosa. **(707) 546-3600.**

Paper Airplanes

Paper airplane expert John Collins tries to break the Guinness World Record for flight distance and time aloft. Noon. \$8.50. Exploratorium, 3601 Lyon St. **563-7337.**

Tulipmania

35,000 tulips on display. Free guided landscaping tours daily at 10am, thru 3/18. Pier 39. **705-5512.**

Wide World O' Women

Susan Kay hosts panel discussion celebrating Internat'l Women's Day. 8pm. Cable Ch. 53.

SU

Angels in America

Millennium Approaches alternates with *Perestroika*, Tony Kushner's big A play. 7:30pm Tues.-Sat.; 1:30pm Wed., Sat., Sun thru 4/2. \$13-45. Marines Memorial Theatre, 609 Sutter St. **749-2ACT.**

Baby Judy's

Discotheque & Leisure Lounge, DJs Deena Davenport & Alvin a Go Go. \$3. 9pm-2am. Cat's Grill, 1190 Folsom. **826-5358** ext. 4.

An Evening with the Stars

Celebrity Ball lookalike contest, emcee Danny Williams;

auction; dancing with Mixtress Page Hodel. Benefits Visiting Nurses Hospice, Kairos, Project Open Hand. \$10. 7pm. 1015 Folsom. **826-8266.**

GAWK

Gay Artists and Writers Collective weekly meetings Sun., 2:30pm. Info: Jon Sugar at **731-2424.**

I Always Meant to Write

A collection of unsent letters. Sundays thru March. \$10 (submit a letter, \$2 off). 8pm. Exit Theater, 156 Eddy St. **673-3847.**

The Internet for Activists

Practical tools and real life stories by Malisse Enzer and Kathy Watkins. \$10-40. 1pm. Climate Theater, 252 9th St. **469-8271.**

The London Suede

Retro glamrock. \$16.50. 8pm. The Fillmore, 1805 Geary Blvd. **346-6000.**

Open Michelle Night

Women's readings, first year anniversary. \$3-10. 7pm. Old Wives' Tales, 1009 Valencia. **821-4675.**

M

Pamela Brody

Photography: nude self-portraits and nature. Reception tonight, 7-9pm. Thru March. Mad Magda's Russian Tea Room, 579 Hayes St. **864-7654.**

Jamie Fox Trio

With Wayne Wallace Latin Jazz Sextet. 8 & 10pm. Yoshi's Nitespot, 6030 Claremont Ave., Oakland. **(510) 652-9200.**

Gay Comedy Open Mike

M.C. Karen Ripley. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone. \$5. 8pm. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. **861-7933.**

Photographs of America

By James Fee, with Pinhole Pictures by Thomas Harding and Irish Photographs by Paul Caponigro. Mon.-Sat. 9-6 thru 3/18. Vision Gallery, 1155 Mission. **621-2107.**

Queer TV

Five week course taught by critic Daniel Mangin. Mon. thru 4/3, includes '67 CBS documentary "The Homosexuals." \$95. Harvey Milk Institute. **552-7200.**

What's My Mantra?

Mick Berry's comic anti-new age autobiographical journey. Mondays. \$12. 8pm. Cable Car Theatre, 430 Mason. **956-8497.**

TU

Blood Brothers

David Cassidy and Petula Clark star in the Broadway musical. Tues.-Sun. thru 3/12, call for times. \$25-55. Golden Gate Theatre, Market at Golden Gate. **776-1999.**

The Elegba Principle

Installation by Willie Cole, a labyrinth made from used doors. Tues.-Sat. 12-6pm thru 4/29. Capp St. Project, 525 2nd St. **495-7101.**

Gay and Lesbian Artists Alliance

Exhibit of male nude photos by Steven Baratz, floral watercolors by Richard Bollingbroke, works on paper by Robert Morgan, others. Thru 3/20. Sweet Inspiration, 2239 Market St. **863-3353.**

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Assassins

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Danielle Koppel as Squeaky Fromme and Mary Workman as Sara Jané Moore in Sondheim's "Assassins" at Foothill Music Theatre,
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ration of political murder opens. \$12. Thru 3/19. Foothill College Studio Theatre, El Monte Rd. off 280, Los Altos Hills. **948-4444.**

Club Freaky

Queer all ages dance club. \$3. Alternate Fridays, 9:30pm-2am. Komotion, 2779 16th St. **487-5187.**

Falling Off a Cliff

Six evenings of dances by Emma Lou Huckabay & Jenny McAllister. Thurs.-Sat. thru 3/11. \$10. 8:30pm. Footwork, 3221 22nd St. **824-5044.**

Fences

August Wilson's award-winning drama. Thurs.-Sat. thru March. \$12. 8pm. Multi Ethnic Theatre, 953 DeHaro St. **550-8161.**

Godspell

Revival of Stephen Schwartz's 1971 musical. Fri.



Geni(us)
 Tony Taccone directs Geoff Hoyle, Tues.-Sun. thru 3/24, call for times. \$28-32.50. 8pm. Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. (510) 845-4700.

Glamazon
 Hard rock band fronted by glam transsexual Christine Beatty, \$3. 10pm. Hanno's, 431 Naloma. 346-8157.

Robert Glück
 Reading from his new novel *Margery Kempe*. Free. 7:30pm. Modern Times, 888 Valencia. 282-9246.

Paintings, Drawings & Sculpture
 Works by Ben Bergstein, Olivia E. Kuser, Thomas Woodruff and others. Tues.-Sat. 12-6pm thru 3/17. Mulligan-Shanoski Gallery, 747 Post St. 771-0663.

Vampires and Our Lives
 Author Jewelle Gomez talks about writing, free. 8:15pm. Castro-Valencia Campus, City College, 450 Church St. (Rm. 232) 239-3580.

Beyond Therapy
 Christopher Durang's farce, in its fourth year. Wed.-Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 7pm. \$20 general, \$25 reserved. Mason St. Theatre, 340 Mason. 693-0600.

Fruit Punch
 Gay men's radio program, every Wed. 7pm. KPFA, 94 FM.

Gay Skate
 Rink full of queers on roller-skates. \$5 includes skates rental. 8-10:30pm. Rolladium Roller Rink, 363 North Amphlett, San Mateo. Info: 96-SKATE.

Nicole Hollander
 "Sylvia" cartoonist reads from work-in-progress, "Female Problems: An Unhelpful Guide," free. 7:30pm. A Clean, Well-Lighted Place for Books, 601 Van Ness Ave. 441-6670.

House of Ill Repute
 Installation by Alicia McCarthy and Ruby Rose V. Neri, with "Stolen Goods" by Natalie Bookchin and Elizabeth Cohen. Wed.-Sat., 12-5pm thru 3/11. Southern Exposure, 401 Alabama St. 863-2141.

Images Concealed
 Exhibition of works by performance artist/sculptor Joyce J. Scott. Thru 3/19. Walter/McBean Gallery, San Francisco Art Institute, 800 Chestnut St. 771-7020.

The Play's the Thing
 A.C.T.'s production of P.G. Wodehouse's adaptation. Tues.-Sun. thru 4/2; call for times. \$13-39. 8pm. Stage Door Theatre, 420 Mason St. 749-2ACT.

Push, Pull, Lift
 Interactive art; also Brett

Kaufman's "Untitled Is the Heart" and Doug Minkler's "Frank Talk About Wieners." Reception tonight, 5-7pm. Mon.-Thurs. 10am-6pm, Fri. 10am-3pm thru 3/28. Student Center Art Gallery, SFSU, 1650 Holloway Ave. 338-2580.

Raymond Saunders: Black Paintings
 Themes from African-American life in the work of a pre-eminent Bay Area painter. Wed.-Sun., 10am-4:45pm thru 4/30. \$5. deYoung Museum, Golden Gate Park. 863-3330.

Talking Pictures
 "People Speak about the Photographs that Speak to Them" exhibits thru 3/12. Ansel Adams Center for Photography, 250 4th St. 495-7000.

Alaskans for Marriage
 Sara Felder's "June Bride," in a benefit for group supporting legalization of same-sex marriage. \$20. 7:30pm: Sha'ar Zahav Klezmer Band. 8pm: show. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. 861-7933.

David Barnett
 Chalk pastels of male nudes, Folsom St. Fair, florals and landscapes. Reception tonight, 6-9pm. Thru 3/31. Sweet Inspiration, 2239 Market St.

Bingo
 Gay bingo benefits Coming Home Hospice, every Thurs. \$12. 6pm. Most Holy Redeemer Church, 100 Diamond St. 241-0425.

Gay Male Drama
 Gay male playwrighting since Stonewall, a five week class begins tonight. \$95. 7-9pm. Harvey Milk Institute. Register: 552-7200.

Liquid Soap
 Improvised soap that invites the audience to steer the storyline. Thurs. thru 4/6. \$7. 10:15pm. Climate Theater, 252 9th St. 588-0520.

Obsessive Behaviors
 Drawings, photography, sculpture by Katey Rafanello, Elenora Berkofsky, Amy Linton, Mark Huckabay. Reception tonight, 5-7pm. Thru 3/11. Diego Rivera Gallery, SFAI, 800 Chestnut St. 771-7020 ext. 410.

Deanna Lee Scoggin
 Paintings and comix. Thurs., 5-8pm; Fri. & Sat. 1-4pm thru 3/19. Collision, 417 14th St. 431-4074.

Photography by Michael A. Rosen from "Sexual Art: Photographs that Test the Limits" at Mark I. Chester studio,

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MR. MARCUS

Onward to the Mr. SF Leather Title

The march to the Mr. San Francisco Leather 1995 contest, which gets under way on Saturday, April 22, begins this month. There are already three independent contestants (i.e., not participating in local bar contests) and possibly more are in the offing. The judges for the Mr. SF Leather competition have been selected (and accepted) and their names will be announced in this column on Thursday, Apr. 20.

First out (so far) is The Eagle bar when Mike Lias will hand over the sash to his successor on Thursday, March 23. Breaking with their traditional month-long competition, the Eagle opted to have a one-night only contest this year.

Applications are now available from any bartender at the Eagle. The winner of the \$300 cash prize, in addition to also representing the Eagle in the Mr. SF Leather competition at the Russian Center (Sutter at Divisadero), will also receive a custom leather title vest and belt made by Rob of Amsterdam. The contest at the Eagle takes place at 2100 with pre-judging at 1900. The judges have not yet been named.

The Edge Bar in the Castro will stage the Mr. Edge Leather 1995 competition on Friday, March 31, at 2000. Manager Eric Weinman should be back from New Orleans and rested by then. Applications are available even as you read this.

Last year's winner, Bob Fautt, will pass the title on to the 1995 winner, who will also receive a \$300 cash prize and a



Photo: Mr. Marcus

New president of the 15 Association (L.) Bear Dog with National Leather Association co-chair Albert Kraus of Chicago, here for the association's 15th anniversary at Eichelberger's last Saturday, Feb. 25.

custom vest by David Speer (in a benefit orchestrated by Paul Causey).

The benefit beerbust (\$7) event begins at 2000 and the contest is at 2200. There will also be a Dream Date auction of Edge poster models. All to benefit AIDS Benefit Counselors and the Deaf AIDS Center. The event will be ASL interpreted.

Still no word on whether or not other bars will be participating. Telephone calls to the Watering Hole go unanswered. What's happening there? Will Greg Pennington be Mr. Watering Hole Leather for life,

Dennis? As of this deadline, there's been no decision from the Lone Star Saloon, Hole in the Wall, Night Shift or Motorwerks. Hello?

Meanwhile, the Ms. San Francisco Leather contest has been scheduled for Saturday, April 1 at Pleasuredome. There is only one contestant, but she will not automatically win the title; she'll be required to submit to a pre-judging panel. The event will be a casino-style gaming night climaxing with the sashing of the new winner by outgoing Ms. SF Leather, Diana Hardick. On the same night in Seattle, Mr. Washington State Leather will be chosen as will Mr. New York Leather in the Big Apple.

The Washington State Leather contest brings to a close Seattle's Leather Pride week, which begins on March 23 with myriad activities including the anniversary party of The Cuff, Seattle's premiere leather bar.

There are other contests and leatherfests coming your way in other cities. I'll bring you all the details in time for you to plan your travel itinerary.

After the ICF Motorcycle Awards and the Bear Rendezvous '95, both huge successes, the community was rather laid back last week, that is until Thursday night when Omar Moseley, former Intl. Mr. Drummer Graylin Thornton, and Portland Emperor Scott faced four contestants at the Eagle for the Mr. April 1996 spot on the Bare Chest Calendar. The Bare Chest Chorus was in good form and, with the exception of one tragic queen who threw bad checks around in amounts ranging from \$15 to \$25,000, was another laugh-filled event.

When all was said and done and the worthless checks swept into the trash bin, the winner was chosen - Kirke Watson. Kirke was a winner in the Great

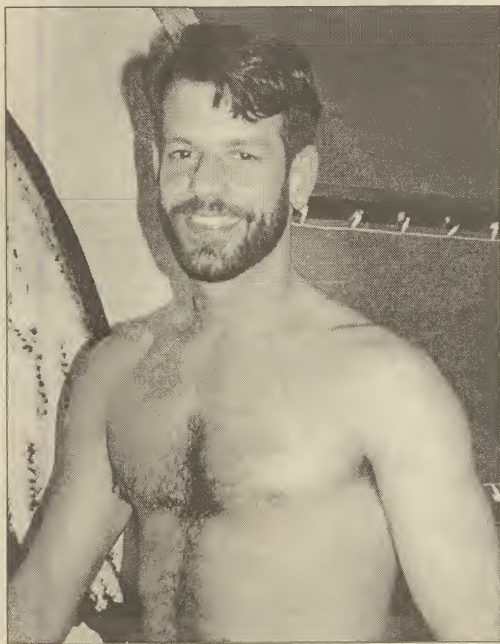


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Kirke Watson is Mr. April 1996 on the Eagle's Bare Chest Calendar. He won a spot on the Great Buns Calendar in addition to the cover shot on the 1993 Great Buns Calendar.



Photo: Mr. Marcus

Fans of the 15 Association presented a new banner to the club last Saturday, Feb. 25 at the anniversary dinner.

Buns Calendar contest and went on to snag the cover spot way back in the halcyon days of the Watering Hole when Vern Stewart was the manager. Mr. May 1996 will be selected next Thursday, March 9, so if you've got what it takes, climb aboard at 2200 hours.

One of the nation's longest running SM clubs, The 15 Association, celebrated its 15th anniversary over the past weekend. SM enthusiasts from around the world gathered for a three-day round of events that included a banquet at Eichelbergers on Friday night (Feb. 25). It was a very, very fun affair with SM commandos from all over the world in attendance, including National Leather Association co-chair Albert Kraus from Chicago, D. Rhodes from The Leather Journal and even a few foreigners. The dinner was superb and The 15 got a beautiful new black leather banner from two of their fans. Bear Dog (*Bear* magazine publisher) was announced as the new president of the club and other events kept the delegates rather tied up for the rest of the weekend. Congratulations to The 15 Association. Jeez, I can remember when that club had a "playhouse" about a block behind Lenny Mollet's 527 Club near Third and Bryant!

Saturday night, in spite of a huge effort to keep the royal coronation from being long and boring, it nevertheless dragged on interminably; some people left and wound up at the Eagle before the new monarchs were even announced. Anyway, Donna Sachet became the 30th empress of San Francisco and Brian Binaminto is the new emperor.

They both made an appearance at the Eagle on Sunday afternoon as the Aquila MC's hosted a beer-bust. An overflow crowd was on hand and gave them a big ovation. Here's looking ahead to a fun year with Donna and Brian. I also obtained a photo of the person who won the former Emperor Doug Stromberg Look-alike contest. While it looks like Doug, the winner is in drag so it's difficult to tell for sure. The Aquilas had a great turnout and the food was flawless. IML Jeffrey Tucker made an appearance as well and presented Pantheon of Leather awards to Woman of the Year Donna Shroud. Jeff left so early, he missed meeting the first, repeat, first International Mr. Leather David Kloss, who stopped off for a night enroute to Sydney for Mardi Gras. David will be back on March 15 for about a week - and he's single again!

Aside from all of the above,

the weather continues to be rather unpredictable and so does everything else. I happened to meet Ms. Central Valley Leather at the Eagle on Sunday, a drag queen who seems unclear on the concept. I hope it gets straightened out.

Late bulletin: At deadline, I received word that Jesse Arias, Mr. Long Beach Leather '91, and the recent manager of the Los Angeles Eagle Bar, passed away due to AIDS complications on Sunday, Feb. 26. Funeral services are pending. He was a strikingly handsome Latin man, always smiling. He competed at IML that year and was one of the 20 semi-finalists. ▼

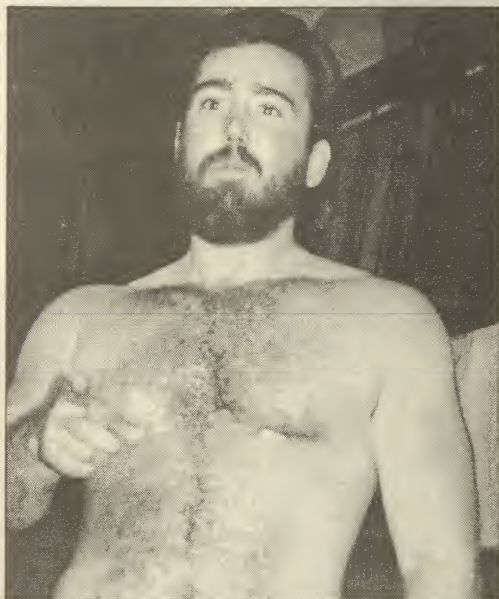


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International Mr. Bear '95 Will Pettite at Bear Rendezvous '95 in the "minimal wear" portion of the competition on Feb. 19.



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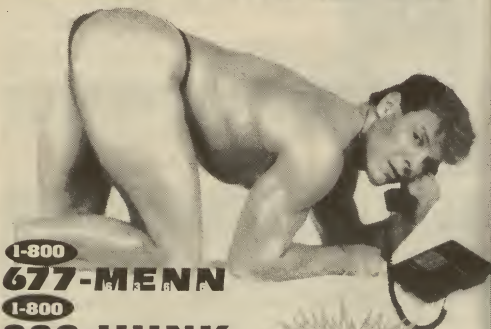
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Affairs to Remember

Thursday, March 2

Big Basket contest at The Edge (2000-2400) with a \$6 beer bust. Benefits the AIDS Emergency Fund. The battle of the bulges starts at 2200, with celebrity judges (except for the Old Bag, who's only a celebrity on 18th Street). Did Eric Weinman survive Mardi Gras?

Constantines MC beer bust from 2000 to 2300 at The Bear (soon to be Daddy's) for \$6. Al Aden is already hard at work as the corresponding secretary.

Friday, March 3

Michael Rosen's great b&w photo show opens at the Mark I. Chester Gallery, 1229 Folsom St., in conjunction with the publication of his fabulous new book, *Sexual Art: Photographs That Test the Limits*. Call (415) 292-3223 for info.

Attn. latex lovers! SF Rubber Corps play party from 2100 to 0200 next morning. Fee is only \$10. Call 267-7604 for invite and location.

Weekend, March 3-5

The best NLA chapter in the U.S. is NLA: San Diego, and their Leatherfest VI is all this weekend. Most of the action takes place at the Travelodge at the Zoo, with a \$100 fee for the weekend at this late date. Call (800) 598-1859.

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Knights of Malta MC overnight run. No details furnished.

Saturday, March 4

ILGA (Irish Lesbian/Gay Alliance) hosts a \$6

beer bust, with genuine Irish stew, from 1500 to 1900 at the Lone Star to raise funds for their participation in the SF St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Alameda Co. Leather Corps beer bust "Jura Sic and Twisted Puppy" at the Eagle, 2000-2300, \$6, auction, 50/50 raffle. Benefits Women's Cancer Research Center. Exactly *where* is this place?

Sunday, March 5

Golden State Peace Officers' beer/soda bust at the Eagle from 1500 to 1800. No details furnished at my deadline.

Thursday, March 9

After tonight, only seven spaces remain on the 1996 Bare Chest Calendar. Looking for Mr. May 1996 beginning at 2220. Win \$100, fame, fortune! Flash your flesh!

Friday, March 10

Patrick Fitzpatrick bows out as the SF Furry Man tonight, and some hirsute somebody somewhere will win the 1996 title. No details at deadline.

Saturday, March 11

Peter Fiske hosts The Ring discussion today, 1300-1500, with the emphasis on "Uniform Fetishes." Call 522-9697 to reserve/attend.

Annual Cable Car Awards at the Fashion Center at 2000. Very few leather people nominated, but it's always fun.

Sunday, March 12

The fun-loving Cycle Runners MC hosts the beer bust at the Eagle from 1500 on, \$8, with food and the antics of Frank Naccaratto. ▼

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by Joe Nelson

The indefatigable Pacers scored nearly a hundred points against the Delancey Street team last week, ending with a victory score of 96 to 64. In a game that was almost never close, the Castro team had only six players. The scoring was led once again by the ever-aggressive Alex Herrera with 33 points (and five three-pointers), and Mark Johnson with 29 points and playing several positions.

Underneath, "Big Mike" Ambrosano had another outstanding game (11 rebounds) even though he was being challenged by two beefy guys. Michael Mazzgai had nine rebounds while playing with a broken finger.

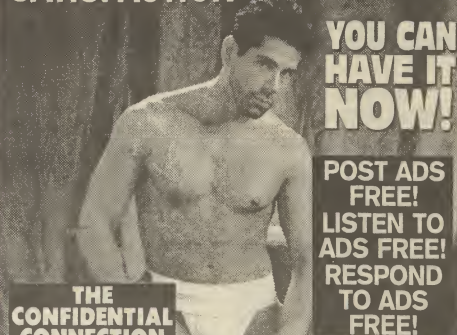
On the other hand, the Pacers lost their next game to Robb's Team 73 to 66. This match-up was a bad one for the Pacers as three of the players for Robb's were taller than the tallest attending member of the Pacers. Two other reserve players for the Robb Team were also taller, so the Pacers could not get the rebounds and play the interior defense necessary to stop their opponent. Steve Moore, playing despite a hamstring injury, had 22 points and two missed shots. "Big Mike" was the only other Pacer with double figures, scoring 13 points and grabbing six boards.

Youngster Jared Anderson had his best game to date with some nice playing in the first half. The Pacers could have won this game if they'd had more help underneath the basket. Getting all the right players to show up regularly has been a problem for the club this year. It certainly cost them this possible victory.

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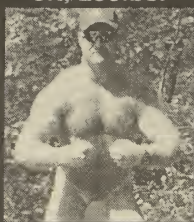
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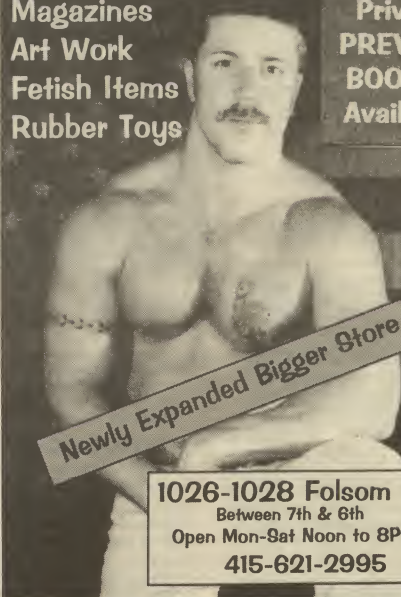
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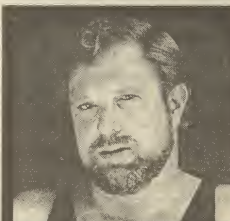
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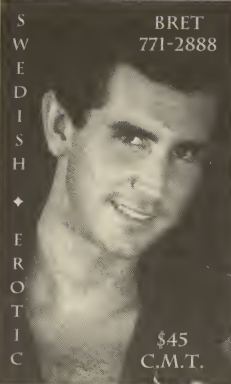
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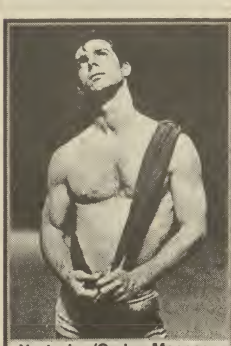
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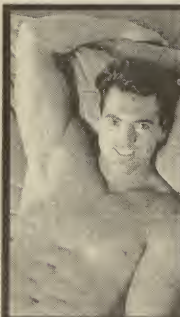
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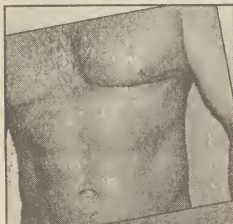
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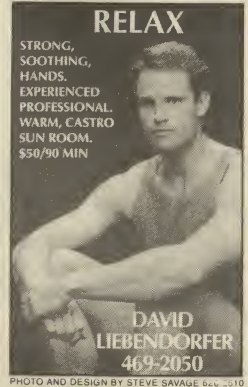
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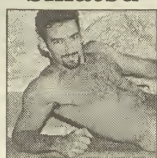
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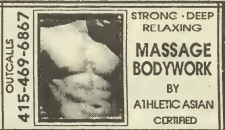
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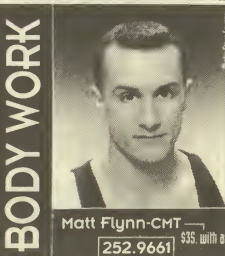


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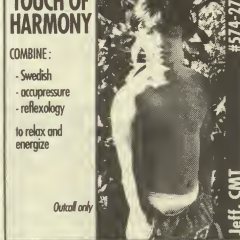
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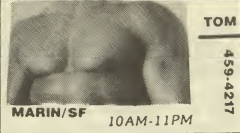
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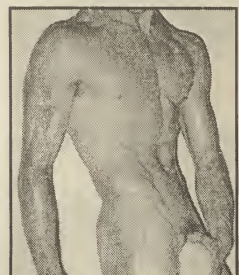
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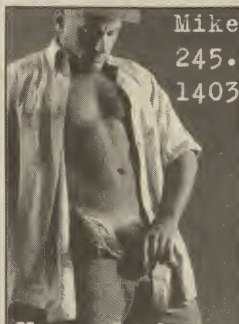
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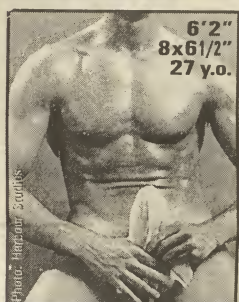
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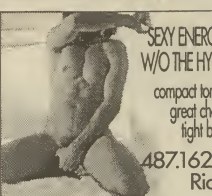
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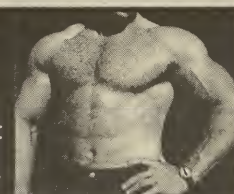


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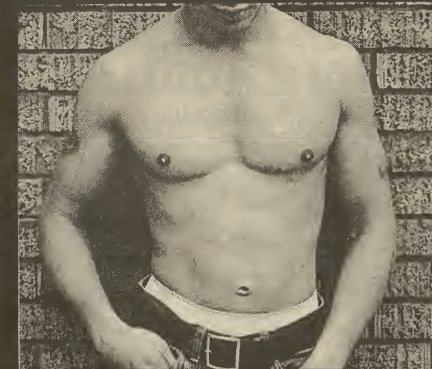


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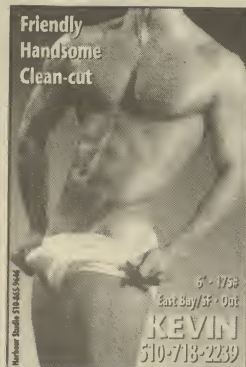


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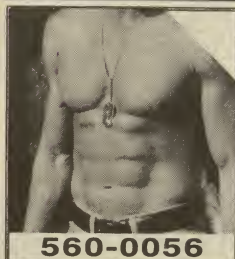
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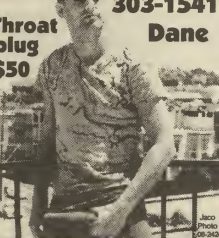


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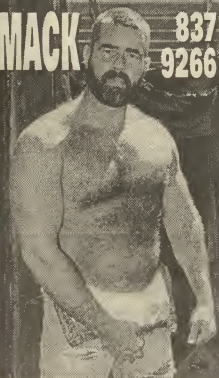
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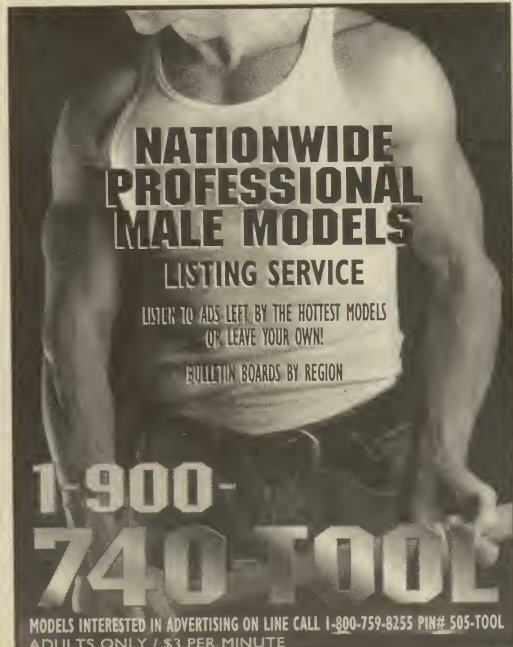
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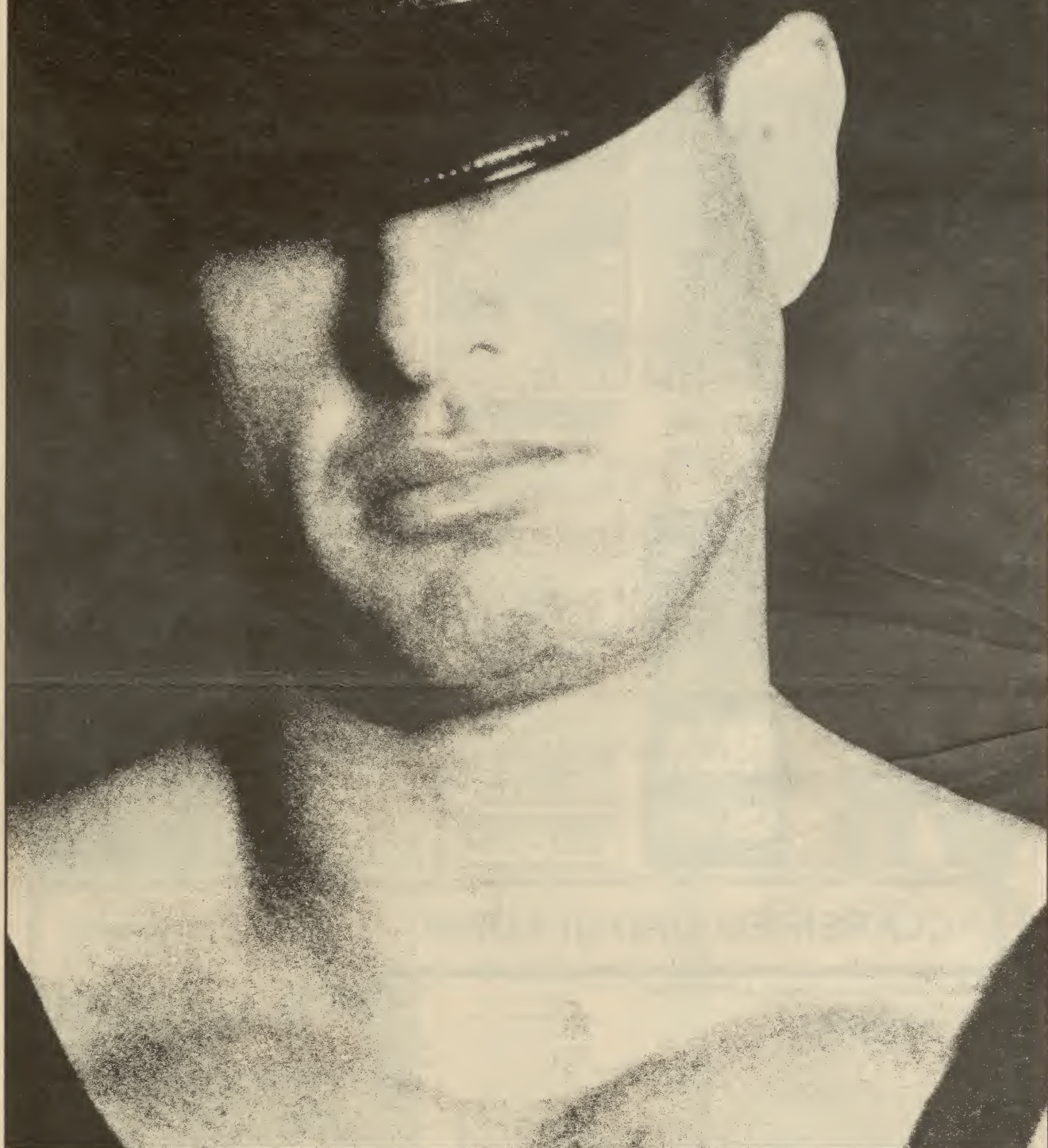
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